

# TOWN OF READING

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## The Annual REPORT

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OF RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURES

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For the Financial Year  
Ending December 31st

1906



Mr. Edward A. Brown  
28 Oak Street  
Reading, Mass.









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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1906-1907

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### Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

GEORGE L. PRATT

### Assessors

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1908

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Secretary* . . . " " 1907

MILLARD F. CHARLES . . . " " 1909

### Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

### Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

### Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIAL

### Auditors

JOHN F. TURNER . . . ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON

EDGAR O. DEWEY

### Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1909

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary* . . . " " 1908

GEORGE L. FLINT . . . " " 1907

### School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1908
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1909
HORACE G. WADLIN	.	.	" " 1908
MARY L. NESMITH	.	.	" " 1907
HENRY C. PARKER	.	.	" " 1907
JOHN H. ROBINSON	.	.	" " 1909
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>			

### Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1909
E. HARLEY GOWING	.	.	" " 1908

### Municipal Light Board

GEORGE L. FLINT, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1909
FRANK W. WILLIS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1908
WALTER F. COOK	.	.	" " 1907

### Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1907
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1908
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD	.	.	" " 1908
EDWARD P. GUILD	.	.	" " 1909
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	.	.	" " 1909
J. WOODWARD MANNING	.	.	" " 1907

### Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1908
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	.	.	" " 1908

ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec'y</i>	Term expires 1909
HENRY T. LEAVIS . . . . .	" " 1909
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . . . .	" " 1907
FRANK L. EDGERLEY . . . . .	" " 1907

### Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

WALTER S. PRENTISS                      GEORGE H. CLOUGH  
OWEN McKENNEY

### Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Clerk*

### Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

### Forest Firewards

HERBERT E. McINTIRE

WILLARD A. BANCROFT

JOHN N. WESTON

C. W. C. TRASK

FRANK W. DAVIS

### Constables

FREDERIC E. MERRILL

J. HENRY ORR

### Police

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of Lock-up*

WM. H. MANNING

J. HENRY ORR

## Specials

SAMUEL BROWN	EUGENE L. LOVEJOY
JEREMIAH CULLINANE	JASON ZWICKER
ASA PARKER	ROBERT POWERS
ARTHUR E. DAVIS	REUBEN J. LEFAVE
J. MANDE DOUCETTE	CLEMENT GLEASON
FRANK A. BUTTERS	HERBERT G. STOCK
JOHN W. SAUNDERS	WILLIAM J. ALLEN
WALTER P. GLEASON	WILLIAM H. KILLAM
LEMUEL W. ALLEN	

## Truant Officer

AZRO A. SMITH

## Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

## Local Supt. Moth Work

GUY A. HUBBARD

## Keeper of Town Home

WILLIAM C. SMITH

## Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

## Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

## Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

## Tree Warden

GEORGE F. SAWYER

## Finance Committee

JACOB MITCHELL, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec. 31, 1908				
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . .	"	"	"	"	"
F. E. CRAFTS . . .	"	"	"	"	"
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER	"	"	"	"	"
F. M. SMITH . . .	"	"	"	"	"
M. F. CHARLES, <i>Secretary</i> .	"	"	Dec. 31, 1907		
G. A. PARKER . . .	"	"	"	"	"
M. A. STONE . . .	"	"	"	"	"
E. L. LOVEJOY . . .	"	"	"	"	"
SOLON BANCROFT . . .	"	"	"	"	"
J. WESLEY DAVIES . . .	"	"	Dec. 31, 1906		
JOHN CONNELLY . . .	"	"	"	"	"
A. NEWELL HOWES . . .	"	"	"	"	"
JOS. S. TEMPLE . . .	"	"	"	"	"
F. W. B. PRATT . . .	"	"	"	"	"

## Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
CALVIN L. MARTIN	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	

## Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY	BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE	EDWARD B. EAMES
WM. R. ZWICKER	GEO. L. FLINT

## Weighers of Coal and Hay

CHAS. W. LEE	CALVIN L. MARTIN
FRED M. PLATTS	FREEMAN KELSO
W. IRVING BANCROFT	LUKE McKENNEY
WENDELL BANCROFT	WM. H. WHITE
ALFRED F. ELLS	WM. BUCHANAN
GEORGE ELLIS	WEBSTER EAMES
GEORGE DANE	CHAS. D. SMITH

## Field Drivers

ASA PARKER	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
HERBERT G. STOCK	



REPORT OF  
TOWN CLERK

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1906.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
Jan. 2	Faith Smalley	F	Fred L. and Helen A. (Hobbs) Smalley	Physician
" 3	Arvilla Copeland	F	Edward E. and Addie M. (Applebee) Copeland	Dentist
" 5	Eva Margaret Hadley	F	Walter L. and Annie L. (Morton) Hadley	Driver
" 7	Ellen Rosa Crowhurst	F	James A. and Rosa (Merrifield) Crowhurst	Tanner
" 11	Elizabeth James McKenney	M	Luke and Theresa M. (Lewis) McKenney	Iceman
" 11	Carl Merrill Anderson	F	Patrick N. H. and Elizabeth (Dillon) O'Yorke	Mail Clerk
" 15	Winnie Hillir Doucette	M	John and Ethel M. (Hutchinson) Anderson	Farmer
" 16	Ethel May Bryden	F	John L. and Annie J. (Babine) Doucette	Blacksmith
Feb. 1	John Lawrence White	M	Henry W. and Edith M. (Fillmore) Bryden	Organ Pipe Maker
" 4	Ruth Randall Goodwin	F	Joseph B. and Annie (Hurlburt) White	Laborer
" 5	Hugh William Doherty	M	Alfred E. and Mary C. (Randall) Goodwin	Organ Pipe Maker
" 5	John Leo Doucette	M	Joseph B. and Katherine (Cullinane) Doherty	Rubber Worker
" 6	Ruth Perkins	F	William R. and Mary (Babine) Doucette	Hostler
" 6	Mary Evelyn Denehey	F	Francis I. and Mary Frances (Bateman) Perkins	Cigar Maker
" 6	Dante Peter Marchetti	M	John E. and Annie (Kennedy) Denehey	Insurance Agent
" 13	Dorothy May White	F	James F. and Mary (Bartelma) Marchetti	Rubber Worker
" 13	Nellie Frances Heselton	F	John L. and Lizzie (Kelley) White	Shoemaker
" 14	Edward Brooks Dewey	M	Ralph F. and Harriet M. (Carter) Heselton	Machinist
" 21	Malven Nicholas Doucette	M	Edgar O. and Bertha U. (Brooks) Dewey	Treasurer
" 22	Charles Leverett Gowing, Jr.	M	John J. and Marion E. (Froton) Doucette	Rubber Worker
" 24	Pearl Gladis Kinney Pappas	F	Charles L. and Ethel D. (Gleason) Gowing	Painter
Mch. 5	Catherine Louise Ingalls	F	Norton W. and Jennie (Shaw) Kinney	Machinist
" 8	Cecilia Albina Gauthier	F	John and Mary (Sans) Pappas	Fruit Seller
" 24	Catherine Frances Greene	F	George J. and Mary (Mellen) Ingalls	Organ Pipe Worker
Apr. 2	Herbert Russell Skinner	M	Augustus A. and Margaret A. (Fay) Gauthier	Brick Mason
" 6	James Albert Meuse	M	Timothy J. and Della (Higgins) Greene	Motorman
" 6	Leonard Irving Nichols	M	Herman C. and Louella F. (Howard) Skinner	Engineer
" 10	Donald Hyde Rich	M	Henry and Mary (Meuse) Meuse	Laborer
" 14	Ronald John Michelini	M	Louis T. and Anna E. (McFague) Nichols	Rubber Worker
" 21	Emily Bancroft Nichols	F	Floyd E. and Laura W. (Hyde) Rich	Salesman
" 23	Anstice Norton	F	Antonio and Annie (Floran) Michelini	Contractor
" 25	Richard Francis Orben	M	Walter B. and Grace C. (Stanniford) Nichols	Civil Engineer
May 5	Margaret Desmond	F	Ralph B. and Bertha M. (Dodge) Norton	Clerk
" 6	Francella Holt Upton	F	William H. and Olive A. (Richardson) Orben	Farmer
" 8	Ona May Stevens	F	Daniel J. and Nora (Driscoll) Desmond	Gardener
" 12	Edith La Forest Coombs	F	Frederick A. and Margaret (Cunningham) Upton	Motorman
" 20	Laura Katherine Kelso	F	Percy L. and Mary (Ticha) Stevens	Rubber Worker
" 27	Priscilla Vining Webster	F	Eugene L. and Amelia (Mains) Coombs	Salesman
" 29	Mary Gertrude Murphy	F	Freeman and Margaret (Coyle) Kelso	Teamster
June 2	John Raymond White	M	Arthur W. and Ruth V. (Kilby) Webster	Organ Pipe Maker
			William J. and Xavier (Mahr) Murphy	Motorman
			Peter and Adele (Surrette) White	Laborer

June	12	Estella May Hadley	F	Frank J. and Minnie S. (Miller) Hadley	Teamster
"	17	Alexander Carleton Hodson	M	Alexander W. and Delia (Converse) Hodson	Decorator
"	20	Charles Willard Perkins	M	Israel F. and Lillian S. (Adams) Perkins	Steam Fitter
"	25	Mabel Gertrude Stratton	F	Charles E. and Carrie A. (Sias) Stratton	Shoemaker
"	30	Grace Emily Saunders	F	John W. and Lillian (Passingham) Saunders	Carpenter
July	1	John Irving Rudolph	M	Edward E. and Mary (Morrison) Rudolph	Salesman
"	7	Doris Gertrude Sanders	F	John and Vitaline (Froton) Doucette	Laborer
"	13	Harry William Porter	M	Wilbur G. and Della G. (Morse) Sanders	Bookkeeper
"	15	Francis Edward Doucette	M	Lorrie F. and Margarette (Connelly) Porter	Carpenter
"	18	Dorothy Wiswall Crafts	F	James A. and Elizabeth (Smith) Doucette	Engineer
"	20	Ralph Francis Atwood	M	Lawrence H. and Marion (Wiswall) Crafts	Clerk
"	23	Winthrop Ernest Pratt, Jr.	M	Calvin P. and Florence B. (Parker) Atwood	Clerk
Aug.	9	Doris Hodson	F	Winthrop E. and Harriett M. (Hyde) Pratt	Clerk
"	10	John Walter Doucette	M	Sydney M. and Alice L. (DeMerritt) Hodson	Paper Hanger
"	20	James Francis McHugh	M	Alexander and Rose (Muise) Doucette	Stone Mason
"	22	Muriel Atala Howard	F	Daniel J. and Millie (White) McHugh	Brazier
"	25	Doris May Temple	F	Fred J. and Katherine (Kaulbach) Howard	Shoemaker
Sept.	3	Norman Leonard McClintock	M	John A. and Ethel B. (Wyman) Temple	Blacksmith
"	4	Hazel Crocker Killam	F	Leonard S. and Winnifred (Gleason) McClintock	Salesman
"	6	Irving Hodson Gleason	M	William H. and Henrietta (Fames) Killam	Farmer
"	9	Mark Alexander LeFave	M	Frank E. and Eva F. (Hodson) Gleason	Janitor
"	29	Dorothy Frances Morse	F	Reuben J. and Annie (Surrette) LeFave	Clerk
Oct.	1	Herbert Lorenzo Hall	M	Merton C. and Lillian E. (Marr) Morse	Carpenter
"	3	Walter Francis Alden	M	Henry L. and Lou B. (Phillips) Hall	Watchman
"	6	Mildred May Nutter	F	Charles E. and Bessie F. (Stimpson) Alden	Clerk
"	10	Edmund Carl Burke	M	Frank A. and Mabel B. (Jones) Butters	Bookkeeper
"	23	Gregory Adams Killam	M	Henry R. and Bertha G. (Bulfinch) Nutter	Carpenter
"	24	Harold Munroe Baker	M	John H. and Mary E. (Weber) Burke	Advertising Agent
"	27	Henry Lawrence Roxbee	M	James W. and Allie G. (Dempsey) Killam	Messenger
Nov.	1	Mary Millie Muse	F	Harry P. and Ethel M. (Hunnewell) Baker	Civil Engineer
"	21	Chesley Lyman Black	M	Charles H. and Lydia H. (Jackson) Roxbee	Bookkeeper
"	23	Annie Spillane	F	Edward and Mary (LeFave) Muse	Tinsmith
"	26	Donald Kenneth Campbell	M	James C. and Grace D. (Doyle) Black	Fireman
"	26	Raymond Lawrence Munnis	M	Timothy and Mary (Murray) Spillane	Car Cleaner
Dec.	1	George Edwin Stanley	M	William R. and Eleanor (Goodwin) Day	Rubber Worker
"	13	Natalie Simmons Hunnewell	F	Donald and Annie (Burke) Campbell	Fireman
"	13	Guy McKay Crosby	M	George H. and Elsie J. (Morse) Munnis	Clerk
"	17	Gertrude Evangeline Surrette	F	Edwin R. and Maude I. (Bemis) Stanley	Clergyman
"	21	Walter Myers Fowler	M	Frank S. and Leonie B. (Barnes) Hunnewell	Conductor
"	24	Helen Elizabeth Wall	F	Guy M. and Alice H. (MacKay) Crosby	Carpenter
"	24	Mabel Rose Doucette	F	Augustus and Louise E. (Muse) Surrette	Baggage Master
"	25	Henry Carleton Milton	M	John W. and Laila M. (Kimball) Fowler	R. R. Clerk
				John T. and Della M. (Keane) Wall	Shoemaker
				John J. and Mary L. (Magras) Doucette	Salesman
				William H. M. and Annie (Carleton) Milton	

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
1905				
Mar. 3	Helen Ruth MacKillop	F	John C. and Annie (McCall) MacKillop	Switchman
May 24	Dorothy Viola Brown	F	Valance B. and Nettie M. (McFarland) Brown	Carpenter
July 2	Henry Oziel Ballou	M	Henry E. and Amy B. (Lewis) Ballou	Physician
July 13	Albert Foster Hunt, Jr.	M	Albert F. and Lula A. (Cook) Hunt	Student
1891				
Jan. 25	Luke Derrance Devaney	M	Patrick and Mary (Comber) Devaney	Crossing Tender
1893				
Aug. 21	Perley Snell Thurston	M	Jerome S. and Mattie E. (Blabon) Thurston	R. R. Employee
1882				
Mar. 21	Hamlet Richardson Bancroft	M	Albert J. and Sarah J. (Mason) Bancroft	Carpenter
1836				
June 29	George Edwin Leathe	M	George E. and Merry B. (Brown) Leathe	Shoemaker

Total births, 105; Males, 58; Females, 47. Nativity of parents: Fathers born in the United States, 66; Fathers foreign born, 37; Mothers born in the United States, 60; Mothers foreign born, 45.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1906.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
1905						
Dec. 20	Lawrence H. Crafts Marion E. Wiswall	19	Clerk At Home	Reading, Mass. Chelsea, Mass.	Frank E. and Jeanetta (Watling) Crafts Clarence A. and Harriet M. (Boyd) Wiswall	Charles E. Oswald, Curate St. Stephen's Church, Providence
1906						
Jan. 1	Louis C. Babine	21	Sign Painter	Wilmington, Mass.	Mundy and Emily (Muse) Babine	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 3	Mary Muse	23	Dressmaker	Reading, Mass.	John and Sylvia (Muse) Muse	George P. Gilman, Minister of the Gospel, Belmont, Mass.
" 8	Jonathan E. Nichols Frances Ada Wright	24	Neckwear Cutter	Reading, Mass.	Richard B. and Josephine A. (Cogswell) Nichols	M. J. O'Connor, Catholic Clergyman, Stoneham, Mass.
" 17	Necktie Maker	20		Manchester, England	Thomas and Mary Ellen (Wright) Wright	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 17	Elgin, N. B.	23	Laborer	Elgin, N. B.	Alfred and Catherine (Blakney) Geldert	Asa Reed Dilts, Minister of the Gospel, Lowell, Mass.
" 23	Operative	24		Stoneham, Mass.	Owen and Margaret E. (Byron) Hocy	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 23	James H. and Hoey	21	Fireman R. R.	Dorchester, N. B.	James H. and Augusta F. (Chapman) Black	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 23	Grace Della Doyle	22	At Home	Lynn, Mass.	Albert W. and Minnie P. Lampro Hanley Doyle	J. H. Hoffman, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 23	William Harry Crowell	22	Driver	Manchester, Mass.	George W. and Annie E. (Smithman) Crowell	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 28	Pearl E. Richardson	23	Book Keeper	Lowell, Mass.	Charles H. and Hattie W. (Palmer) Richardson	J. H. Hoffman, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Claude Weston Thompson	23	Jannner	Woburn, Mass.	John and Sarah (Stokes) Thompson	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
Feb. 4	Hattie Florence Phelps	27	At Home	Tewksbury, Mass.	Alvin C. and Addie J. (Orcutt) Phelps	J. H. Hoffman, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 22	Daniel Joseph McHugh	27	Machinist	Altman, N. Y.	Lawrence and Mary (McMurry) McHugh	J. H. Hoffman, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 22	Millie White	24	At Home	Bellville, Nova Scotia	John L. and Jessie (Muse) White	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 27	Charles William Hoffman	45	Farmer	Lyndon, Vt.	William and Helen M. (Harris) Hoffman	J. H. Hoffman, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 27	Belle J. Patterson	35	Milliner	Craftsbury, Vt.	Thomas W. and Alice J. (Drummond) Patterson	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
Mar. 3	James Richence Boutchie	21	Teamster	Prince Edward Island	Maxim and Orlinda (Perry) Richards	Stephen A. Norton, Minister of the Gospel, Woburn, Mass.
" 7	Mary Delinece Boutchie	21	Housework	Yarmouth, N. S.	Henry and Julia (Muse) Boutchie	William H. Parker, Minister, Reading, Mass.
" 11	Maria May Larock	34	Cabinet Maker	Prince Edward Island	Edward and Sarah (Turner) Harrow	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 25	Herbert I. Belcher	36	Nurse	Bakersfield, Vt.	Joseph and Alice (Bridges) Larock	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 26	Marion H. Prentiss	29	Buyer	Nova Scotia	Stephen and Hannah (Griffin) Belcher	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Earl Clinton Knight	21	At Home	Reading, Mass.	George P. and Helen C. (Jindsay) Prentiss	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Harriet Elbra Evans	21	Machinist	Fortsmouth, N. H.	George P. and Lizzie (Perkins) Knight	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Enoch K. Carr	55	At Home	Lawrence, Mass.	Charles W. and Ada (Maxwell) Evans	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Eunice E. (Carr) Gardiner	56	Farmer	Pittsfield, Me.	Amos and Charlotte (Rogers) Carr	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Ralph Leslie Mears	22	Housekeeper	Bangor, Me.	Boman and Abigail (McCobb) Carr	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Frances Lathrop Chase	22	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	William Lloyd and Lucy Elizabeth (Harlow) Chase	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Byron C. Brown	41	Shoemaker	Pittsfield, N. H.	Emory J. and Luciza G. E. (Brown) Brown	William W. Bowers, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Lucretia Dushane	23	At Home	Andover, Mass.	Thomas and Lucretia (Woodsworth) Dushane	Robert W. Haskins, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Abraham Mead Wheeler	34	Bank Officer	New York City	William H. and Ella R. (Potter) Wheeler	W. C. Myers, Minister, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Sarah Elizabeth Siders	31	At Home	Cambridge, Mass.	Charles B. and Catharine (Hare) Siders	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Edward Scott Taylor	25	Book Keeper	Carlisle, Mass.	Nathaniel A. and Amanda E. (Scott) Thistle	Christopher R. Eliot, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Alice Mary Thistle	25	Necktie Worker	Bath, Me.	George W. and Mary (Hume) Thistle	the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" 28	Charles William Terrill	29	Foreman	Morrisville, Vt.	Aaron and Sarah A. (Letch) Terrill	
" 28	Marion Kemp Dewey	23	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Edgar Osmond and Elizabeth D. (Kemp) Dewey	
" 28	Charles S. Gould	30	Carriage Painter	Bath, Me.	George E. and Harriet (Powers) Gould	
" 28	Annie Hanscom	21	Housework	Stoneham, Mass.	Mark and Mary Ann (Maguire) Hanscom	



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1906.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
May 19	Charles S. Farrington	32	Foreman Paper Mill	Claremont, N. H.	John S. and Helen J. (Carlton) Farrington	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
June 6	Nellie R. Barr	21	Stenographer	Keswick Ridge, N. B.	Allen J. and Susan K. (Jewett) Barr	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 6	William H. Amsden	23	Architect	Oneida, Ill.	Andrew F. and Ella Brown McCormack	Francis J. Glynn, Clergyman, Melrose, Mass.
" 6	Lillian H. Amsden	21	Student	Boston, Mass.	E. Frank and Alzina I. (Elliot) Amsden	J. F. Langton, Clergyman, Waltham, Mass.
" 7	Andrew J. Coates	48	Brakeman	Saugus, Mass.	Reuben E. and Margaret (Graden) Coates	Loren A. Clevenger, Minister of the Gospel, Somerville, Mass.
" 12	Margaret I. MacEchen	35	Housework	Weymouth, Mass.	John and Margaret (McDonald) MacEchen	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 12	Frank B. Pottle	29	Hotel Keeper	Jefferson, N. H.	John L. and Charlotte (Crawshaw) Pottle	H. D. Maxwell, Clergyman, Somerville, Mass.
" 12	Harriet B. Parsons	28	At Home	Grand Pré, N. S.	Thomas and Harriet (Ward) Beattie	J. A. Crowley, Priest, Wakefield, Mass.
" 12	George G. Parsons	28	Test Clerk	Boston, Mass.	John G. and Annie (Bennett) Parsons	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 12	Edward F. Parker, Jr.	29	Clerk	Concord, Mass.	William H. and Jennie V. (Masters) Benjamin	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 12	Elsie Marion Tuttle	23	Book Keeper	Reading, Mass.	Edward F. and Anna F. (Kendall) Parker	Willis A. Hadley, Clergyman, Keene, N. H.
" 12	John J. Wakefield	23	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Arthur S. and Clara A. (Knight) Tuttle	John Haynes Holmes, Clergyman, Dorchester, Mass.
" 17	Lula Martin	25	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.	Charles and Mary A. (Kitter) Wakefield	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 17	William M. Hastings	25	Mill Hand	Gloucester, Mass.	John T. and Esther (Robins) Martin	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 20	Frances C. Evans	23	Garment Maker	Barnbury, England	William T. and Ellen (Chesholm) Hastings	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 20	Charles Rufus Herrick	26	Civil Engineer	Westfield, Mass.	Thomas H. and Elizabeth M. (Mander) Evans	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 25	Edna Stimson Gleason	31	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Hayden A. and Esther (Donaldson) Herrick	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 25	Charles Henry Stebbins	25	Chemist	Malden, Mass.	Rodney H. and Julia B. (Emerson) Gleason	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 25	Lilla May Bradford	25	Chemist	Portland, Me.	Edmond S. and Mary A. (Cummins) Stebbins	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 27	Clarence Prescott Bearce	25	Chemist	Medford, Mass.	William L. and Nellie J. (Hilton) Bradford	Willis A. Hadley, Clergyman, Keene, N. H.
" 27	Martha Hodges Kittredge	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Martin P. and Isabel H. (Greives) Bearce	John Haynes Holmes, Clergyman, Dorchester, Mass.
" 28	Alice Maria Eaton	21	Organ Pipe Maker	Musquodoboit, N. S.	Henry G. and Martha S. (Hodges) Kittredge	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 28	William Henry Parker	20	Cloth Inspector	North Reading, Mass.	Alexander I. and Ann (Goodwin) Bell	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
July 2	Elvy Josephine Hunt	25	Clergyman	Chelsea, Mass.	Charles E. and Ethinda (Gates) Eaton	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 5	Louise Gassett Green	60	Contractor and Builder	New York City	John J. and Anna (Vanderpool) Parker	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 5	Alvah L. Burrage	57	At Home	New York City	Edgar M. and Frances Adaline (Gould) Hunt	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 6	Louise B. Eames	22	Draftsman	Lowell, Mass.	Joseph M. and Elenor (Hurst) Van Arsdale	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 11	William Abbott Phillips	21	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	John L. and Susan (Dolson) Green	Wm. E. Huntington, Minister of the Gospel, Newton Centre, Mass.
" 22	Mabel Elisabeth Bancroft	25	At Home	Danielsonville, Conn.	Hamilton B. and Mary H. (Davis) Burrage	Henry C. Parker, Clergyman, Woburn, Mass.
" 22	George F. Temple	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles and Sarah F. (Abbott) Phillips	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 23	Robert Garfield Gray	34	Draughtsman	Wakefield, Mass.	Lewis M. and Annie B. (Black) Bancroft	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 23	Fertha Lillian Parker	27	Nurse	Boston, Mass.	Clarkson W. and Elizabeth (Kirkbridge) Temple	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 23	Laura Annie Dulong	24	Soda Fountain Mfrgr.	Bath, Me.	John and Marie (Desney) Conway	John J. Harrington, Priest, Reading, Mass.
" 24	Hezekiah Copeland	18	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Winfield S. and Sarah E. (Averill) Gray	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
" 24	Mary L. Tucker	20	Currier	Woburn, Mass.	Fred A. and Jennie D. (Harnden) Parker	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading, Mass.
Aug. 8	Augustus S. Thorn	25	Mill Hand	Reading, Mass.	Isaac and Mary E. (Mose) Dulong	Bostwick Hanley, Clergyman, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
	Grace Clements	28	Dressmaker	Wilton, N. Y.	Ruben and Mary E. (Slurser) Bond	
					Isaac and Amy (Washington) Copeland	
					John and Elizabeth ——— Tucker	
					Jesse B. and Catherine (Ham) Thorn	
					Darius and Emma (McKeron) Clement	

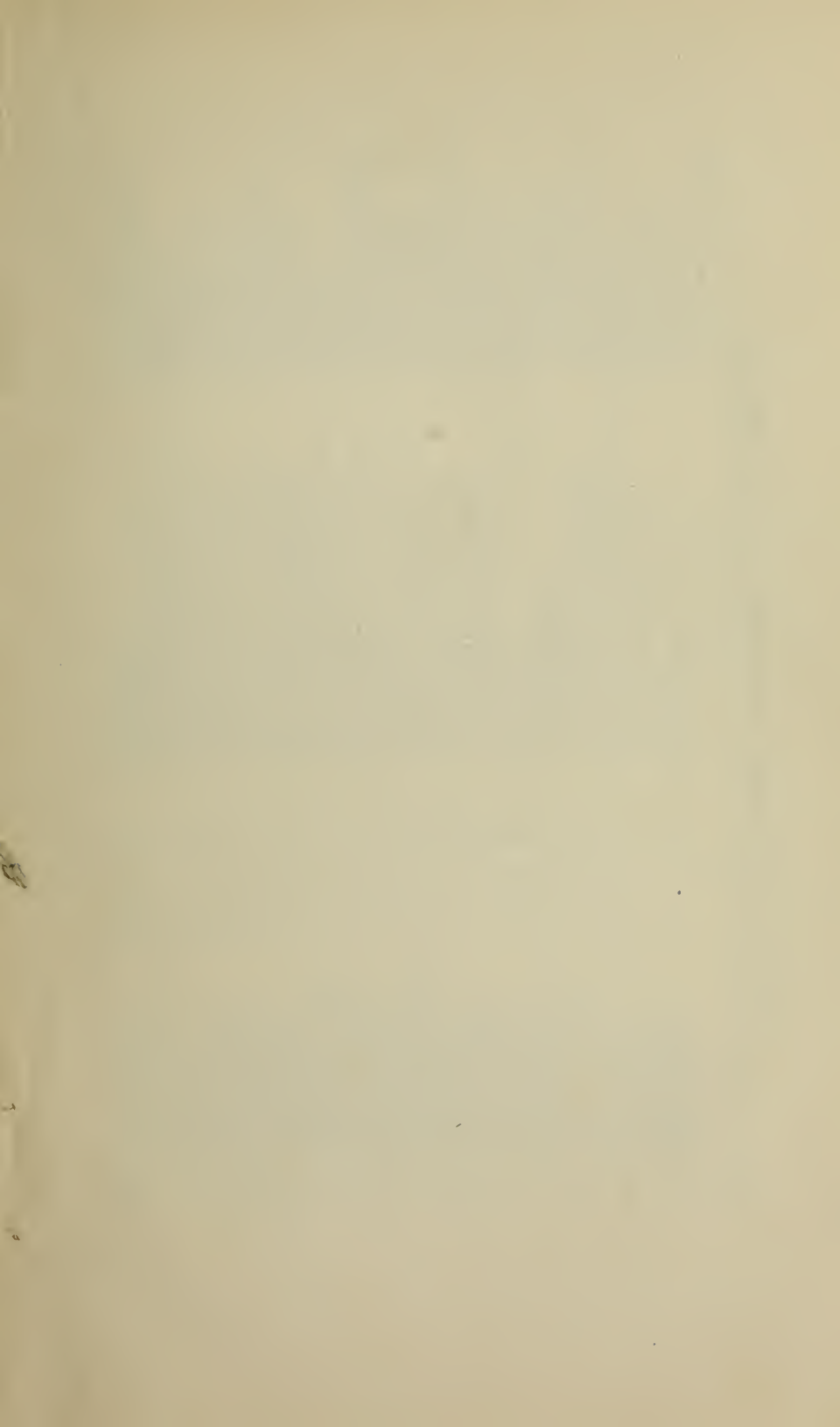
Aug. 14	Leslie Babine	23	Glenwood, N. S.	Jarvis and Elizabeth (Surette) Babine	Denise F. Lee, Priest,
	Minnie Jaquith	21	Commeau's Hill, N. S.	Theophile and Catherine (Murray) Jaquith	Reading, Mass.
Sept. 2	John Joseph Murray	30	Arlington, Mass.	John and Ellen (Dwyre) Murray	Denise F. Lee, Priest,
" 10	Catherine Elizabeth Weifer	23	Woburn, Mass.	Thomas and Mary (Flarety) Weifer	Reading, Mass.
" 10	William J. McAlister	45	Belfast, Ireland	William J. and Julia (McNally) McAlister	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 10	Jennie W. Bancroft	42	Reading, Mass.	Francis J. and Harriet A. (Weston) Bancroft	Reading, Mass.
" 10	Harry Vinton Shannon	22	Nova Scotia	Daniel and Elizabeth (Sutherland) Shannon	Henry G. Gay, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" 11	Mabel H. Lindsay	19	Nova Scotia	John and Elizabeth (Ward) Lindsay	Douglas Chapman, Methodist Minister, Amherst, N. S.
" 16	George Thompson Eames	23	Nova Scotia	Jonathan and Phila A. (Porter) Haselton	Edwin Alonzo Blake, Minister of Gospel, Boston, Mass.
" 19	Albert George Haselton	18	Reading, Mass.	William W. and Fannie Smith	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 19	Fannie Amelia Smith	30	Reading, Mass.	Henry Morton and Martha H. (Appleton) Brown	Reading, Mass.
" 19	Edward Appleton Brown	20	Big Rapids, Mich.	Frank O. and Violetta Enora (Gingrich) Hewes	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 19	Blanche Violet Hewes	21	Reading, Mass.	Joshua and Mary (Doucette) White	Reading, Mass.
" 19	John William White	20	Andover, Mass.	Fred C. and Kate C. (Wright) McIntire	Frank A. Starratt, Minister,
" 19	Bella McIntire	30	Nova Scotia	Alexander and Isabel G. (Chisholm) Fraser	Stoneham, Mass.
" 19	George Seymour Fraser	32	Boston, Mass.	Albert F. and Adela (Ellis) Newhouse	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 22	Emma Delta Kenney	33	Wilmington, Mass.	Horace E. and Annie M. (Fletcher) Eames	Reading, Mass.
" 22	Harry Edward Eames	22	Reading, Mass.	Charles H. and Lucy M. (Allen) Nichols	William F. Dusseault, Clergyman,
" 25	Florence Dole Nichols	33	Wilmington, Mass.	Charles Alanzo and Ann Maria (McIntosh) Mellen	Hyde Park, Mass.
" 25	Charles Edward Mellen	33	Cerro Gordo, Ill.	Waterman and Clara B. (Sylvester) Cummings	Walter C. Myers, Minister,
Oct. 3	Lottie Frances Cummings	22	Burlington, Vt.	Seymour W. and Clara J. (Philbrook) Ainsworth	Reading, Mass.
" 8	Frederick Ainsworth	22	Reading, Mass.	Chester A. and Laura B. (Maxwell) Parker	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman,
" 8	Bertha Newell Parker	19	Dover, N. H.	George F. and Betsey R. (Potter) Bancroft	Reading, Mass.
" 10	Herbert Austin Tibbetts	26	Reading, Mass.	James A. and Eliza S. (Cushman) Tibbetts	J. A. Crowley, Priest,
" 10	Ethelyn Jamesina Bancroft	29	Wakefield, Mass.	David and Ann (White) Whelton	Wakefield, Mass.
" 17	David E. Callan	23	Nova Scotia	John J. and Mary (Gibbons) Callan	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman,
" 17	Wellington L. Deal	31	Oliver, Ga.	Benjamin and Mary (Dauphinee) Deal	Reading, Mass.
" 22	Maud McIntire	18	Morrison Island, N. S.	Charles H. and Helen K. (Nelson) McIntire	Denise F. Lee, Priest,
" 22	John H. Hogan	19	Woburn, Mass.	Ruben A. and Mary M. (Doucette) Froton	Reading, Mass.
" 24	Annie J. Froton	20	Woburn, Mass.	James A. and Mary Ida (Reagan) Hogan	Stephen A. Norton, Minister of the Gospel, Woburn, Mass.
" 28	Amos Carroll Preston	26	Woburn, Mass.	John A. and Mary A. (Boutwell) Miller	Francis William O'Brien, Minister of the Gospel, Bath, Me.
" 28	Laura May Miller	66	Greenfield, N. H.	Charles L. and Mary A. (Smith) Hutchinson	W. C. Myers, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" 29	Merrill Hutchinson	65	Alma, Me.	James and Sarah (Blackleigh) Powers	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 29	Hattie A. (Powers) Gould	42	Glascow, Me.	Robert H. and Elizabeth (Robertson) Barrie	Reading, Mass.
" 30	Isabel P. M. Wiggins	41	Scarboro, Me.	Zebulon S. and Hannah E. (Fluent) Knight	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 30	William Frederick Wilson	35	Studholm, N. B.	William F. S. and Sarah A. (Bent) Wilson	Reading, Mass.
" 31	Albert Leslie Jones	24	Reading, Mass.	John C. and Harriet L. (Weston) Gleason	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
Nov. 14	Katherine Marie McCarthy	22	Boston, Mass.	J. Dexter and Julia E. (Haley) Jones	Reading, Mass.
" 15	Emil K. Kelley	27	Lawrence, Mass.	Charles and Katherine (Kennedy) McCarthy	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 15	Charles Coffin Mitchell	22	Woonsocket, R. I.	August F. and Julia (Matchmacher) Kelley	Reading, Mass.
" 24	Lillian May DeArmenton	23	Washington Hollow, N. Y.	Henry and Evelyn (Comeau) Huteau	Robert W. Haskins, Clergyman,
" 24	Thomas Maxwell	36	Springfield, Mass.	Charles Jewel and Mary Matilda DeArmenton	Reading, Mass.
" 24	Lauria F. (Lloyd) Baldwin	33	St. Stephens, N. B.	John H. and Harriett (Dewolf) Maxwell	C. Guy Robbins, Clergyman,
			Reading, Mass.	Henry and Luella (Janes) Lloyd	Wakefield, Mass.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1906.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
" 28	Charles S. Blake	26	Salesman	Holland, Vt.	Alvah L. and Eva S. (Andrews) Blake	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 29	Elma G. Coates	22	Teacher	Marblehead, Mass.	Benjamin N. and Myra (Stone) Coates	Reading, Mass.
" 29	Charles A. Stubbs	27	Fireman	Wakefield, Mass.	Alexander A. and Lucy M. (Teel) Stubbs	Dennis F. Lee, Priest,
Dec. 4	Mary C. Hoar	24	At Home	Treley, Ireland	Thomas and Nellie (Brien) Hoar	Reading, Mass.
" 16	William Edwin Johnson	26	Brakeman	Reading, Mass.	Alden S. and Clara E. (Gray) Johnson	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman,
" 19	Charlotte Gertrude Parker	19	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Asa and Sarah (Lythroe) Parker	Reading, Mass.
" 19	Don C. Clark	21	Blacksmith	Cabot, Vt.	Carl and Bessie (Metcalfe) Clark	Reading, Mass.
" 19	Alice Ethlyn Nichols	24	Compositor	Reading, Mass.	Howard P. and Sarah M. (Lewis) Nichols	Walter C. Myers, Minister,
" 24	Horace B. Keizer	32	Nurseryman	Kings Co., N. S.	Irad D. and Rosanna (Corbun) Keizer	Reading, Mass.
" 24	Flora L. Batchelder	31	Agency	Woodbury, Vt.	Ira and Onnetie (Brennan) Batchelder	William J. Lawrence, Minister of
" 25	James H. Bolton	24	Organ Pipe Builder	Liverpool, Eng.	Fred and Alice (Bromlow) Bolton	the Gospel, Winchester, Mass.
" 25	Agnes Estella Thorburn	22	At Home	Newark, N. J.	George J. and Hattie M. (Miller) Thorburn	W. C. Myers, Minister,
" 25	Ervin Nehemiah Babcock	25	Teacher	Canning, N. S.	Freeman and Emma S. (Porter) Babcock	George A. Downey, Minister,
" 31	Arminette Braun	18	At Home	St. Louis, Mo.	Joseph C. and Marie (Kluender) Braun	Reading, Mass.
" 31	Ralph Wardwell Thaxter	29	Brakeman	Machias, Me.	Cyrus and Mary A. (Juleson) Thaxter	the Gospel, No. Dana, Mass.
" 31	Jessie Nason Cummings	29	Bank Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Charles W. and Susan (Murphy) Cummings	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman,

Whole number of marriages, 73. Nativity of persons married: Born in the United States, 117; Males, 55, Females, 62. Number born out of the United States, 29; Males, 18, Females, 11.





# DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1906.

DATE	NAME	AGE	PARENTS OR HUSBAND	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan. 3	Etta C. Charles	33	Millard F. Charles	Placenta Praeva
" 4	William H. Nash	78	William and Elizabeth (Smith) Nash	Valvular Disease of Heart
" 4	Frances Adeline Gould	88	Jesse Gould	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 4	George H. Parker	67	Samuel and Harriett (Allen) Parker	Pneumonia
" 5	Fred H. Chapman	19	Thomas W. and Mary (Boyd) Chapman	Hit by R. R. Train
" 16	Timothy Riordan	70	Michael and Mary (Duffy) Riordan	Heart Disease
" 17	Emma G. McIntire	16	Frederick C. and Cora (Dwight) McIntire	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 28	Viola Young	0	Frank W. and Lillian F. (Eames) Young	Heart Failure
Feb. 9	George A. W. Vinnall	0	William D. and Naomi Symmes Vinnall	Valvular Disease of Heart
" 14	Edward Brooks Dewey	72	Edgar O. and Bertha U. (Brooks) Dewey	Valvular Disease
" 16	Alice E. Parker	54	Frederick H. Parker	Acute Pneumonia
" 16	Sarah L. McCallar	65	Daniel C. McCallar	Myocarditis
" 24	Luthera E. Parker	88	Henry F. Parker	Senility
" 28	George Sawin	68	Daniel A. and Sarah (Maun) Sawin	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Mch. 3	Hannah Lowerison	71	Howard Lowerison	Fracture of Hip
" 4	Harold F. Mudgett	0	John H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	Acute Indigestion
" 10	Harold F. Mudgett	0	John H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	Malnutrition
April 7	Effie J. Skillen	51	Francis J. Skillen	Chronic Nephritis
" 14	William J. Bride	74	James and Keziah (Jewett) Bride	Arterio Sclerosis
" 16	Roxana A. Hall	85	Horace Hall	Old Age
" 17	Bridget McDonald	75	John McDonald	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 18	Foster M. Hill	75	Louis G. and Harriett E. (Oakes) Hill	Cerebral Meningitis
" 20	Clara Ann Leathe	63	Charles B. Leathe	Myocarditis
May 10	Harold F. Richardson	1	William H. and Maggie E. (Carter) Richardson	Whooping Cough and Measles
" 11	Emily R. Wightman	54	William H. Wightman	Exothalamic Goitre
" 14	True B. Badger	25	Henry B. and Clara A. (Payne) Badger	Typhoid Fever
" 18	Louisa Catherine Zanni	71	Angelo and Catherine (Gurio) Zanni	Gastro Enteritis
" 25	Heman S. Gill	21	Nathan and Ianson (Gould) Gill	Apoplexy
" 30	Marion Butters	86	Frank A. and Mabel B. (Jones) Butters	Intestinal Obstruction
June 9	Gilman D. Kingman	13	Henry and Sophronia (Parker) Kingman	Sarcoma of Stomach
" 16	Eliza J. Safford	83	Frank A. and Elizabeth F. (Noyes) Colby	Appendicitis and Peritonitis
" 19	Harriet Newell Wilson	43	Edward Safford	Pernicious Anemia
" 26	William H. Bancroft	24	James and Elizabeth J. (Berry) Wilson	Valvular Disease of Heart
July 1	Bridget Clark	79	Marcus M. and Julia (Owens) Bancroft	Senile Bronchitis
" 1	Eliza P. Hood	78	Francis Clark	Fatty Heart and Fright
" 2	Mary I. Warren	52	Harvey and Rebecca (Smith) Hood	Leucaemia
" 7	John E. Sheedy	49	Charles E. Warren	Probably Cardiac
" 17	Bartholomew Ganley	0	Michael and Mary (Hines) Sheedy	Premature
" 18	Calvin L. Martin	54	James and Sarah (Bennon) Ganley	Valvular Disease of Heart
" 19	Mary P. Batchelder	94	Samuel and Sarah (Freeze) Martin	Fractured Hip
" 25	Adelaide A. Nash	75	David Batchelder	Acute Pneumonia
			William H. Nash	

Aug.	9	Emeline L. Gibson	94	2	28	James Gibson	Fractured Hip and Senility
"	10	Julia E. Barreille	59	10	0	Almond Barreille	Poisoning (Wood Alcohol)
"	12	Donald Christie Prentiss	2	2	6	Archer R. and Mabel (Thomas) Prentiss	Enterocolitis
"	27	Margaret Carney	40	0	0	William Carney	Phlebitis Pyreueis
Sept.	7	Hugh W. Doherty	0	6	27	Joseph B. and Kathryn L. (Cullinane) Doherty	Gastro Enteritis
"	14	Peter G. Froton	5	9	18	Simon P. and Albener (Dndevver) Froton	Diphtheria
"	19	Grace E. Day	0	10	6	William R. and Eleanor (Goodwin) Day	Meningitis
"	24	George E. Adams	49	11	8	George and Annie (Osgood) Adams	Cirrhosis of Liver
"	29	Percy A. Swain	26	10	24	Charles H. and Emma (Sanborn) Swain	Phthisis
Oct.	4	Emma M. Swain	53	0	0	Charles H. Swain	Nervous Exhaustion
"	11	Joseph L. Doucette	16	0	1	James A. and Elizabeth (Smith) Doucette	Diphtheria
"	12	George R. White	0	4	10	Peter J. and Mary A. (Surette) White	Gastro Enteritis
"	14	Ruben L. Beers	79	1	24	Ruben and Edca (Richardson) Beers	Pneumonia
"	17	Frank Pippin	1	0	12	Frank R. and Mattie (Williams) Pippin	Meningitis Cerebral
"	25	Robert H. Borthwick	46	10	25	James and Catherine (McFarland) Borthwick	Dysentery
"	28	Lawrence B. Butler	11	0	3	John M. and Margaret (Burnett) Butler	Diabetes Coma
Nov.	1	Cyrus Hadley	79	7	0	Wiloby and Massy (Wheeler) Hadley	Cerebral Softening
"	8	Edward A. Kingman	88	11	12	Henry and Nancy (Carpenter) Kingman	Gangrene of Foot
"	13	Sarah J. Mason	84	1	16	Josiah Mason	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	15	James Robinson	55	0	0	Father Unknown, Hattie (Morris) Robinson	Railroad Accident
"	16	William H. Burnham	81	0	0	Parents Unknown	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	20	Herbert Russell Skinner	0	7	17	Herman C. and L. Francis (Howard) Skinner	Gastro Enteritis
"	22	William B. Tyler	75	3	9	Moses C. and Susan (Baldwin) Tyler	Tumor of Prostrate
"	25	Arabella S. Emerson	77	3	25	John A. Emerson	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	27	Sarah Ganley	39	0	0	James Ganley	Mitral Regurgitation & Stenosis
Dec.	10	Margaret Ann Hale	77	8	15	Charles S. Hale	8 Multiple Sarcoma
"	11	Ruben J. Lefave	43	2	0	John and Mary (Muse) Lefave	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	19	William J. Bridger	77	1	14	William and (mother unknown) Bridger	Apoplexy
"	21	Caroline F. Davis	86	0	0	Noah Davis	Bronchitis Myocarditis
"	26	Ethel M. Bryden	0	11	10	Henry W. and Edith A. (Fillmore) Bryden	General Peritonitis
"	27	Abbie Perkins Granger	56	1	0	Edmond H. Granger	Carcinoma of the Spine
"	30	Margaret M. Cummings	70	0	0	Martin M. Cummings	Chronic Bronchitis
"	31	Edmond Johnson	82	3	0	John Johnson (mother unknown)	Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Whole Number of Deaths, 84; Males, 50; Females, 34; Born in United States, Males, 42; Females, 27; Foreign Born, Males, 8; Females, 7.

## DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1906

Whole number of licenses issued 338.		
45 female licenses issued at \$5.00	. . .	\$225 00
293 male licenses issued at \$2.00	. . .	586 00
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Total receipts	. . . . .	\$811 00
Less fees for 338 licenses at 20c.	. . . . .	67 60
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Total due County Treasurer	. . . . .	\$743 40
June 1, 1906, paid Country Treasurer	. . . . .	\$429 00
Dec. 1, 1906, paid County Treasurer	. . . . .	307 80
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Total paid Country Treasurer	. . . . .	\$736 80
Balance in hands of Town Clerk	. . . . .	6 60
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		\$743 40
No. of dogs returned by Assessors to Town Clerk :		
Total males reported	. . . . .	290
Total females reported	. . . . .	46
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Total reported	. . . . .	336

I licensed two more dogs than was reported to me by the Assessors, but those two were licensed after Dec. 1st, 1906, when I made my last payment to the County Treasurer.

More dogs were licensed this year than any previous year, being an increase of thirty over last year, which was the highest before.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

December 31, 1906.

## TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1906

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PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 1906.

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Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred and forty-six dollars for the purpose of exterminating the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and appropriate seventy-nine 59-100 dollars, the amount received by the Selectmen from the Treasurer of the Citizens' Committee, to be used in suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, the same to be expended under the general direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will elect the members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Overseers of the Poor for the terms of one, two and three years, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted not to elect the Selectmen and Board of Overseers of the Poor for terms of one, two and three years.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 405, Acts of 1903, an Act to authorize the Town of Reading to elect a Board of Public Works to have control of its Water Works, Public Lighting and Highways, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the question of having a Board of Public Works and to report at the

Annual Town Meeting, this committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following citizens on the committee: Eugene L. Lovejoy, William I. Ruggles, Millard F. Charles, C. Winthrop Smith, Alfred D. Chandler.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy of record.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 1906.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

William I. Ruggles was duly chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of the Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of the Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following ballot clerks were duly sworn by the Moderator: William S. Badger, Arthur E. Nichols, Charles H. Stinchfield, George E. Horrocks, Walter K. Badger, Melvin H. Loud, Charles I. Alger, Henry M. Donegan, Otis B. Ruggles, John Connelly, Henry R. Johnson, J. Clarence Oxley.

Voted to close the polls at 4h. 25m. p. m. No objection being made votes were taken out at various times during the day. The polls were duly closed at 4h. 25m. p. m. and the count of

votes showed that 873 men and 19 women had voted. The votes were counted and declared with the following result :

## TOWN CLERK

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	. . . . .	571
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	302

## SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	. . . . .	502
Samuel W. Bowker, 8 Linden st.	. . . . .	53
William C. Buck, 46 West st.	. . . . .	465
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	. . . . .	671
Lambertus W. Krook, 28 Salem st.	. . . . .	158
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	. . . . .	475
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	295

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	. . . . .	491
Samuel W. Bowker, 8 Linden st.	. . . . .	53
William C. Buck, 46 West st.	. . . . .	465
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	. . . . .	650
Lambertus W. Krook, 28 Salem st.	. . . . .	158
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st.	. . . . .	470
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	349

## ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	. . . . .	734
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	138
Scattering . . . . .	. . . . .	1

## TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	. . . . .	687
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	186

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Herbert M. Viall, 42 Bancroft ave.	. . . . .	682
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	191



## BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Calvert H. Playdon, 8 Gould st.	. . . . .	696
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	177

## TWO CONSTABLES

Frederick D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	. . . . .	618
John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	. . . . .	493
Herbert G. Stock, 8 Ash st.	. . . . .	347
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	288

## WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

George A. Shackford, 118 Ash st.	. . . . .	683
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	190

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

George L. Flint, 42 Highland st.	. . . . .	731
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	142

## TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

Alfred W. Danforth, 28 Woburn st.	. . . . .	625
Henry T. Leavis, 164 Main st.	. . . . .	632
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	489

## TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Edward P. Guild, 14 Bancroft ave.	. . . . .	609
Henry G. Kittredge, 57 Prospect st.	. . . . .	593

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Gilman L. Parker, 64 Washington st.	. . . . .	399
John H. Robinson, 197 High st.	. . . . .	601
Elizabeth H. Brown, Prospect st.	. . . . .	363
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	421

## AUDITORS

Edgar O. Dewey, 76 Main st.	. . . . .	654
Albert R. Shepardson, 48 King st.	. . . . .	631
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	. . . . .	665
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	669



## TREE WARDEN

Guy A. Hubbard, 255 Main st.	255
George F. Sawyer, 15 Prescott st.	493
Blanks	125

## SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED

Yes	145
No	555
Blanks	173

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 1906

READING, MASS., MARCH 5, 1906.

Pursuant to the appended warrant a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein specified and was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell. The warrant was read in part when it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator by ballot. George L. Flint received six votes, all that were cast, and was declared unanimously elected Moderator.

Art 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted that Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and Herbert G. Stock serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voted that John H. Orr be appointed Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the following persons serve as Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year: James A. Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Joseph W. Killam, Warren M. Whitehouse, Samuel Brown, William R. Zwicker, Burton K. Symonds, Edward B. Eames and George L. Flint.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to refund that portion of the original tax assessed on the Haskins property on Salem st. which shall exceed the amount of fifty dollars in each of the years 1904 and 1905.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden and Rent of Playground.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate for general

School Expenses . . . . .	\$27,000 00
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Voted to raise and appropriate for Incidental School

Expenses . . . . .	5,500 00
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Voted to raise and appropriate for the Public Library and appropriate the proceeds of the dog tax	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks . . . . .	2,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Sprinkling Streets	450 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Removing Snow and Ice . . . . .	300 00
Voted to pass over Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half).	
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department	\$4,300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Police Depart- ment . . . . .	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Fire Wards	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor .	3,300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers . . . . .	3,600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing . .	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Taxes	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building .	400 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of Cemetery .	800 00
and appropriate proceeds of sales of lots and unex- pended balance of 1905, viz: . . . . .	38 24
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day .	175 00
to be expended under the direction of Post 194, G. A. R.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Board of Health .	600 00
Voted to appropriate fifty dollars for care of Old South Clock to be paid from Miscellaneous Expenses.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest Account .	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of Common, Mayall and Elm Parks . . . . .	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Election Expenses	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Concrete Work .	350 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for the General Expenses  
of the Tree Warden . . . . . 100 00  
and appropriate the unexpended balance of 1905, viz: 101 23  
Voted to raise and appropriate for Misc. Expenses . 1,000 00

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Voted that the Town of Reading extend a vote of thanks to the Reading Rubber Mills, as an expression of its appreciation of the service rendered the Town in having given the free use of steam for the Fire Whistle during the past seventeen years.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of twelve thousand dollars and appropriate the same, together with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year 1906, for the maintenance, operation and repair of said Plant, and for the payment of the bonds, notes, interest and depreciation due by said Plant during the year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 2. Voted to take up.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for construction, extension, enlargement and addition to the Municipal Light and Power Plant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted to pass over.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars for the purpose of placing an electric light near Hose 5 House on Forest street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the junction of Salem and Winter streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. Voted that the arc light situated at the foot of Belmont street on Salem street be moved one hundred and ten feet from

its present location. The Municipal Light Board to consider its advisability.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 12. Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan, to and for the use of the Town of Reading, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate ninety thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 9. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art 10. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art 11. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 11. Voted that there be raised and appropriated for Hydrant Rentals, \$4,950.

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for Drinking Fountains, \$300.

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for Street Sprinkling, \$500.

And that the above named sums together with the receipts for water be appropriated for interest on Water Loans, maintenance of Water Works and for Service Pipes.



Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of School House Note for five thousand dollars, due March ninth, 1906.

Art. 21. Voted to take up.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate for the payment of Town Note due March 9th, 1906, \$3,300 ; and appropriate \$1,700 from available assets to pay balance of said note.

Art. 5. Voted to take from table.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town raise the sum of \$9,082, and that said sum and the unexpended balance for the year 1905, to wit: fourteen hundred thirty 20-100 dollars, together with the receipts of the Plant for the year 1906, be appropriated for the operation, maintenance and repair of the plant, interest on bonds and notes issued to pay for the Plant, depreciation and the requirements of the debt incurred for the Plant, and that of the amount so appropriated, the sum of twenty-six hundred fifty dollars, being not less than three per cent. on the cost of the Plant, which percentage has been approved by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, be the amount raised for depreciation as provided in Section 4 of Chapter 410 of the Acts of 1905 and to be used as provided in and by said Act.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, March 12, 1906, at 8 p. m.  
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

READING, MASS., MARCH 12, 1906.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the Town Meeting held March 5, 1906, the Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, George L. Flint.

Art. 13. To hear and act on the report of the committee of five which was appointed to investigate the question of having a Board of Public Works.

Art. 13. Voted to take up.

Art. 13. Voted to accept report of committee of five who

were appointed to investigate and report on the question of having a Board of Public Works, and that the report be placed on file.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 405, Acts of 1903, an act to authorize the Town of Reading to elect a Board of Public Works to have control of its water works, public lighting and highways, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. Voted to indefinitely postpone by a vote of yea 164, nay 23.

Art. 15. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 15. Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be three-fourths of one per cent. on all money collected during the fiscal year and amount of money expended for postage in collecting same.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Town Clerk.

Art. 16. Voted that the salary of Town Clerk be one hundred and fifty dollars per year, to be paid from Salaries of Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted to take from table.

Art. 3. Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as is possible) on or before October 1st and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at six per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid January 1st forthwith, by process of law, unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

Voted to instruct the Assessors to revise their assessment of real estate in the Town.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a fire alarm box at the junction of Salem and Pine streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. Voted not to make an appropriation for a fire alarm box at corner of Pine and Salem streets.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. Voted to appropriate fifty dollars from available assets for electricity for G. A. R. Hall on Haven street.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, March 19, 1906, at 7.30 o'clock, to meet in Lyceum Hall.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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#### ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

READING, MASS., MARCH 19, 1906.

Pursuant to adjournment the Town Meeting was called to order at the time and place as adjourned on March 12, 1906, by the Moderator, George L. Flint.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600) to pay interest on School Bonds.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred six dollars and twenty-five cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred and six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,306.25) to pay the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the new High School Building Note for five thousand dollars, due November 1st, 1906.

Art. 22. Voted that for the purpose of paying the School House Note for five thousand dollars due Nov. 1st, 1906, the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow five thousand dollars and issue the note or notes of the Town therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per



cent. per annum. It was passed by a unanimous vote—29 in favor and none against.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Playground and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to hire some suitable playground at a rental not exceeding the sum of three hundred and forty-two dollars a year, and the above amount be appropriated from the available assets.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing a safe for the use of the Collector of Taxes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. Voted to purchase a safe for the Collector of Taxes, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from available assets to pay for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of taking care of the water on Orange street, between Pierce and Spring streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. Voted that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated from available assets to take care of the surface water on Orange street, between Pierce and Spring streets, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to carry away the water on the southerly side of Green street on land of Samuel Brown and others, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars from the available assets for the purpose of taking care of the water on Green street on land of Samuel Brown and others, provided it can be taken care of in a southerly direction and a right of way be deeded to the Town, same to be done under direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on High street from a point near the residence of Melvin R. Batchelder to a point near the residence of John H. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to co-operate with the Boston & Maine Railroad in making a grass and shrubbery plot on High street at the foot of Haven street, and a plot on Lincoln street at the rear of Station, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen with instructions to confer with the officials of the Boston & Maine Railroad and report on the same at some future Town Meeting.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets to pay five dollars per day of nine hours for a double cart, and three and one-half dollars per day for a single cart, providing double cart holds forty cubic feet or more and single cart holds twenty cubic feet or more.

Art. 29. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to build crosswalks from the southerly end of the Common across Harnden and Ash streets, and raise and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. Voted to appropriate fifty dollars from appropriation for Concrete Work to build a crosswalk from Harnden street across Main street near the southerly end of the Common.

Art. 31. To hear and act on the report of the committee of three chosen at the last annual meeting to confer with the Trustees of the Old South M. E. Church in regard to purchasing the lot of land adjoining the Cemetery.

Art. 31. Committee reported favorably on the purchase of Old South M. E. lot, and it was voted to accept report of the committee.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of eight hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing the lot of land adjoining the Cemetery, referred to in Article thirty-one.

Art. 32. Voted that the Town purchase the lot of land from the Old South M. E. Society for the sum of eight hundred dollars, and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue eight non-interest bearing notes of the Town in payment for the same; said notes to be of the sum of one hundred dollars each, payable one each year until the whole sum shall have been paid. The first note to be paid during the year 1906. When said land has been purchased it shall be added to the Cemetery, and the Trustees of the Cemetery shall pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of one hundred dollars per year from the proceeds of the sale of lots, for the purpose of extinguishing said notes until all of them have been paid.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will provide for one-half of the expense of lighting the Y. M. C. A. building by electricity and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to purchase coats for the Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. Voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars from available assets to purchase coats for the Fire Department.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for the renewal of the storage battery, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hun-

dred fifty dollars (\$150) for the renewal of the storage battery of the fire alarm system.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to be used for Field Day purposes of the Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. Voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars from available assets for band concerts for the coming summer.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted that the vote passed March 5th, 1906, whereby the Selectmen were instructed to refund that portion of the original tax assessed on the Haskins property on Salem street which should exceed the sum of \$50 for each of the years 1904 and 1905, be rescinded.

Art. 3. Voted that the Electric Light and Water Commissioners be requested to procure a detailed estimate of the cost of all the necessary machinery and appliances for furnishing electric power to the pumping station, including all connections and all labor necessary to install the same; and including such new machinery as may be needed at the light station for that purpose, if any; and to present these estimates at the next Town Meeting with their recommendations.

Art. 3. Voted that the Auditors be instructed to arrange a formula which the several departments shall follow in presenting their annual financial statement to the Town.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to investigate the matter of surface drainage and report some plan concerning this matter at some future meeting.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free

to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. Voted to furnish creosote free to applicants, they being citizens of the Town, through the Tree Warden.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to procure estimates of the cost of a survey and maps of the Town required to introduce the so-called Block or District System of assessing, and report on the same for action by the Town at some future meeting, together with a plan for distributing the cost of such survey and maps over a series of years, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. Voted that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to procure estimates of the cost of a survey and maps of the Town required to introduce the so-called Block or District System of assessing, and report on the same for action by the Town at some future meeting, together with a plan for distributing the cost of such survey and maps over a series of years.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. Voted that the report of the Committee on Building Laws be referred back with instructions to revise the same and report at some future Town Meeting, having first caused the revised report to be published in the Reading Chronicle before such Town Meeting.

Art. 41. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 41. The Selectmen made the following report: Guide Posts, or suitable substitutes therefor, are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz:

- Corner Walnut St. and South St.
- “ Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- “ Main St. and Summer Ave.



Corner Woburn St. and Summer Ave.

- " West St. and Summer Ave.
- " West St. and Woburn St.
- " Lowell St. and Willow St.
- " Lowell St. and High St.
- " Lowell St. and Middlesex Ave.
- " Grove St. and Franklin St.
- " Main St. and Franklin St.
- " Mill St. and Short St.
- " Franklin St. and Haverhill St.
- " Charles St. and Haverhill St.
- " Haverhill St. and Pine St.
- " Pine St. and Salem St.
- " Charles St. and Main St.
- " Charles St. and Pearl St.
- " Main St. and Pearl St.
- " Main St. and Salem St.
- " Salem St. and Lowell St.
- " Woburn St. and Lowell St.
- " Salem St. and Harnden St.
- " Main St. and Pleasant St.
- " Pleasant St. and Parker St.
- " Haven St. and Village St.
- " Main St. and Ash St.

Main St. on the Common.

Harnden St. near Pleasant St.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
HENRY R. JOHNSON,		

Reading, Mass., March 1, 1906.

Voted to accept the report of Selectmen on guide posts or suitable substitutes therefor, and that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated from Miscellaneous Expenses for same for the fiscal year.

Art. 42. To see what instructions the Town will give the

Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 42. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to fill all vacancies occurring in Committee on Finance for the year ensuing.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 43. The Selectmen made the following report of a list of jurors.

#### LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors :

Adams, George E.	. . . . .	Clerk
Adden, John H.	. . . . .	Retired
Allen, William J.	. . . . .	Clerk
Bailey, Willard L.	. . . . .	Merchant
Baker, William H.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Bancroft, Frederick	. . . . .	Broker
Bancroft, Willard A.	. . . . .	Farmer
Batcheller, Warren A.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Worker
Bolton, Henry E.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Worker
Bosson, Harry P.	. . . . .	Insurance Agent
Brooks, Albert P.	. . . . .	Photographer
Brown, John	. . . . .	Retired
Brown, Joseph H.	. . . . .	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	. . . . .	Wheelwright
Carter, George	. . . . .	Laborer
Chandler, Alfred D.	. . . . .	Manufacturer
Connelly, John	. . . . .	R. R. Employee
Cook, George W.	. . . . .	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	. . . . .	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	. . . . .	R. R. Employee
Davis, Wm. Wallace	. . . . .	Farmer
Eames, Charles B.	. . . . .	Shoe Worker

Eames, Edward B.	Merchant
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Francis, Albert J.	Merchant
Gill, George E.	Carpenter
Hanscom, Edwin C.	Contractor
Johnson, J. Dana	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	Farmer
Killam, Joseph W.	Farmer
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist
Kingman, William H.	Artist
Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Maker
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
MacDougall, Chester W.	Plumber
Mack, George	Upholsterer
McIntire, Herbert E.	Carpenter
Mears, William H.	Merchant
Milbury, Ora L.	Wood Worker
Nesmith, Charles I.	Farmer
Nichols, Moses E.	Painter
Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer
Nichols, Parker	Farmer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Park, Howard L.	Mason
Parker, Asa	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Worker
Pratt, David W.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilmot K.	Laborer
Prichard, Augustus D.	Farmer
Roberts, Joseph A.	Clerk
Robinson, John H.	Editor
Runkle, E. Holcombe	Clerk



Sargent, George A.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Worker
Somes, Alvin G.	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk
Stinchfield, Charles H.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Stone, Irving W.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Temple, Joseph S.	.	.	.	.	.	Manufacturer
White, Thomas J.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Quillen, William	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
HENRY R. JOHNSON,		

Reading, February 10, 1906.

The following were stricken from the list: Bancroft, Willard A., Bolton, Henry E., Francis, Albert J., Brooks, Albert P., Robinson, John H.

The following names were added to the list:

Stock, Herbert G.	.	.	.	.	.	Contractor
Willis, Frank W.	.	.	.	.	.	Electrician
Waters, James A.	.	.	.	.	.	Steam Fitter
Stott, J. Albert	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Nickerson, Charles F.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Eames, Horace E.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 2. Voted to accept reports of Town Officers and Finance Committee as printed in the annual Town Report.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

READING, MASS., JULY 2, 1906.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein mentioned and was called to order by

the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, who read the warrant and the return thereon, and proceeded to the election of a Moderator under Article 1.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint received five votes and was duly declared unanimously elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To consider whether the Town will issue its notes in a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars for providing additional funds for the erection of a new High School building and to determine the time or times of payment of such notes, and to take any other action relating thereto.

Art. 2. Voted that for the purpose of providing additional funds for the erection of a new High School building the Treasurer is hereby authorized under the direction of the Selectmen to borrow money and issue the notes of the Town therefor in the aggregate principal sum of six thousand dollars bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per cent. per annum payable semi-annually; such notes to be payable one thousand dollars thereof five years from their date and one thousand dollars thereof each year thereafter.

Forty-five voted yes and none no, and it was declared a two-thirds vote.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the special committee comprising the Municipal Light Board and the Water Commissioners concerning the cost of the machinery and appliances necessary for furnishing electric power to the pumping station.

Art. 3. Voted to indefinitely postpone this Article after hearing report of committee.

Voted to adjourn without date.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

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#### STATE ELECTION.

READING, MASS., NOV. 6, 1906.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the return thereon an election was held at the time and place therein specified. James

W. Killam, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. Eaton B. Marshall. The warrant was then read. The ballot box was opened and declared empty and the register showed 0000 and the keys delivered to the Constable in charge. The ballots were delivered to the presiding election officer who receipted for the same (1600 in number.)

The following ballot clerks and tellers were duly sworn:

Ballot Clerks—Chester C. Richardson, William H. Perkins, Horace E. Eames.

Tellers—Chester W. McDougall, Alfred W. Danforth, Clinton L. Newell, Charles H. Stinchfield, Charles I. Alger, John Connelly, Spencer G. Stewart, Henry M. Donegan, George L. Flint.

The polls were declared open at 6 o'clock A. M. It was voted to close the polls at 4.30 o'clock P. M. Ballots were taken out of the box during the day and counted.

The polls were declared closed at 4.30 P. M. The ballot box registered 2243 as having voted, an incorrect number. The ballot clerks reported that the two check lists showed 1091 names as having been checked, and 1091 ballots were counted as cast with the following result:

#### GOVERNOR

Gamaliel Bradford of Wellesley	.	.	.	.	.	9
James F. Carey of Haverhill	.	.	.	.	.	5
William H. Carroll of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	0
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	800
John B. Moran of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	50
John B. Moran of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	57
John B. Moran of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	138
John B. Moran of Boston	.	.	.	.	.	7
Blanks	.	.	.	.	.	25

#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

E. Gerry Brown of Brockton	.	.	.	.	.	253
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham	.	.	.	.	.	18
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	.	.	.	.	.	728

Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	4
John F. Mullen of Fitchburg	7
Blanks	81

## SECRETARY

Joao Claudino of New Bedford	2
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	25
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	7
William M. Olin of Boston	800
Charles C. Paine of Barnstable	161
Blanks	96

## TREASURER

Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	794
George B. Cushman of Brockton	9
S. Frederick French of Mansfield	18
George M. Harrigan of Lowell	156
David F. Richardson of Lynn	11
Blanks	103

## AUDITOR

Albert Barnes of Fall River	8
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield	156
Fred L. Johnson of Lynn	10
James F. Pease of Merrimac	22
Henry E. Turner of Malden	781
Blanks	114

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	27
Dana Malone of Greenfield	750
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston	5
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	14
John A. Thayer of Worcester	181
Blanks	114

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FIFTH DISTRICT

Butler Ames of Lowell	843
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	185

Fred P. Folsom of Lowell	13
Blanks	50

## COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT

John C. Call of Newton	21
Edward Gallagher of Lowell	157
Seward W. Jones of Newton	770
Blanks	143

## SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

John P. Farley of Lowell	151
James Wilson Grimes of Reading	803
Charles W. Pratt of Saugus	21
Blanks	110
Scattering	6

## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

## Twentieth Middlesex District

Winfield R. Lang of Woburn	136
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading	348
Andrew Roscoe Linscott of Woburn	593
George A. Shackford of Reading	669
Blanks	425
Scattering	11

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX

Oscar J. Johnson of Malden	24
Patrick E. Sullivan of Lowell	144
Samuel O. Upham of Waltham	776
Blanks	147

## CLERK OF COURTS, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Theodore C. Hurd of Winchester	793
Charles E. McCarthy of Lowell	149
Blanks	149

## REGISTER OF DEEDS, MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Edwin O. Childs of Newton	819
Seymour J. Milliken of Somerville	54

Blanks . . . . .	213
Scattering . . . . .	5

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville . . . . .	798
John O'Brien of Townsend . . . . .	135
William Parker of Arlington . . . . .	26
Blanks . . . . .	132

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true record, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1906.

READING, MASS., NOV. 12, 1906.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the return thereon a Town Meeting was held at the place and time therein specified and was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, who read the warrant and the Constable's return thereon.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was duly elected Moderator, receiving five votes, the total number cast.

Art. 2. To see what instructions the Town will give the Town Officers.

Art. 2. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to procure a stone for a monument which is to be built by Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association at Provincetown, Mass., same to have marked on it the date of settlement of Reading and name of town.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will issue its bonds or notes in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of providing funds for the renewal, reconstruction and enlargement of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, and to determine the time or times of payment of such bonds or notes, and take any other action relating thereto.



Art. 3. Voted that a committee of three, to consist of Joseph S. Temple, Jacob Mitchell and A. Newell Howes, be chosen to bring in a special committee of five to whom shall be referred this article. The committee brought in and recommended the following: Edward H. Palmer, Frank F. Strout, William H. Byers, Gilman L. Parker,\*John F. Turner.

Voted to accept the above named committee.

Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to this committee, who shall be empowered to employ such assistance as they deem necessary to make a thorough investigation of the needs of the Electric Light and Power Plant, and shall report in writing to the Town at their earliest convenience.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lay a six inch water main on Middlesex avenue between Bancroft avenue and Lowell street; also on Kingston street, so called, and about three hundred feet on Grand street, and will authorize the sale of one Water Loan Bond to pay for same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lay a six inch water main on Middlesex avenue between Bancroft avenue and Lowell street; also on Kingston street, so called, and about three hundred feet on Grand street, and authorize said Board to sell one Water Loan Bond to pay for same.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and

Wilmington, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in Representative District number twenty within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, November 16th, A. D. 1906, being the tenth day succeeding the day of the State Election held on Tuesday, November 6th, A. D. 1906, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading and Andrew Roscoe Linscott of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given for each person, viz.:—

Winfield R. Lang of Woburn, twelve hundred twenty-one	1221
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading, seventeen hundred seventy-two	1772
Andrew Roscoe Linscott of Woburn, two thousand and sixty-eight	2068
George A. Shackford of Reading, sixteen hundred ninety-four	1694
Scattering, eleven	11
Defective, nine	9
Blanks, fifteen hundred sixty-seven	1567
Total, eighty-three hundred forty-two	8342

In witness whereof, we the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and Wilmington hereunto set our hands this sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1906.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn,  
 HARRY H. NICHOLS, Town Clerk, Burlington,  
 MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading,  
 ARTHUR F. UPTON, Town Clerk, North Reading,  
 JAMES E. KELLEY, Town Clerk, Wilmington.

Clerk's Office, received and recorded, November 17th, 1906.

Attest : MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading :*

Your Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906 :

### DEPARTMENT OF STREETS

Considerable attention has been given to the sidewalks this year. For several years little grading has been done on them except in cases of special appropriation and it became imperative that for one year, at least, more attention be given to this part of the work.

We have also done a considerable amount of gravel road building and have put in good condition many streets that have for some time needed attention but which the policy of concentrated effort with a small appropriation would not allow.

The road machine has been used for cleaning up the sides of the road and for rounding up the streets before rolling them.

### ORANGE STREET DRAIN

Acting under instructions received we have laid a drain to take care of the water on Orange street between Pierce and Spring streets. This was laid in a northerly direction and a right of way obtained across land of Mr. McKillop.

### WEST STREET DRAIN

For several years the water during the wet season has caused considerable annoyance to the residents on the east side of West street south of Woburn street. At the annual meeting of 1905 your Board requested that no action be taken on the matter as it was thought that the B. & N. Street Railway should bear part of the expense.

The drain has been laid and a right of way was obtained through land of Mr. Livermore. One-half of the expense of laying the drain has been paid by the B. & N. Street Railway.

## KINGSTON STREET

Last year a petition was received asking that the private way known as Kingston street be laid out as a public town way. This petition was not acted upon and this year the request was renewed and we have taken the matter up and after holding the proper hearings and considering the matter carefully we recommend that this street be laid out.

## HIGH STREET

There will be a recommendation made by this Board that the street lines on a part of High street be established. In the warrant of 1906 there was an article calling for a sidewalk from a point near the residence of Melvin R. Batchelder to a point near the residence of John H. Robinson. This was referred to this Board. Upon taking up the matter we found that the street lines of High street had never been established on this portion of the street and shall recommend that this be done before we proceed with sidewalk.

## WATER—GREEN STREET

In the last annual meeting it was voted to lay a drain in a southerly direction for the purpose of taking care of the water on the southerly side of Green street on land of Samuel Brown and others provided that a right of way could be obtained.

We were unable to obtain a right of way through the property, and further, it was conceded by all concerned that the drain should not be laid in a southerly direction. We therefore refused to act being unable to carry out the provisions of the vote.

A petition was presented to the Board of Health by Samuel Brown and others requesting that steps be taken to relieve them of the nuisance which it was claimed the condition produced. The petition was dismissed by the Board of Health on the ground of "no jurisdiction." An appeal was made by the petitioners to the County Commissioners, who after giving a hearing on the matter to parties interested, decided that the water should be taken care of in a northerly direction in accordance with line and grades which they will furnish and that the expense shall be borne by the Town.

## BOSTON &amp; NORTHERN STREET RAILWAY

Complying with a request from this Board that Lowell street be put in better condition the Boston & Northern Street Railway laid a heavy girded rail from Linden street to the Square and paved with blocks between the rails and eighteen inches outside the rails. They also replaced the rail on the upper part of Haven street with a heavy girder rail. This does away with constantly digging up the street to repair bonds in track, and it has shown that a T rail and block paving is not a successful combination.

## B. &amp; M. STATION.

Agreeably to instructions received at the last annual meeting in regard to a grass and shrubbery plot near the R. R. station we met by appointment the Division Superintendent and the Roadmaster of the Western Division, at the station, and it was decided that a plot should be curbed from Washington street along High street to a point near the station and this be grassed over and be bordered with shrubbery. This was promised for the fall but undoubtedly other work prevented it being carried out. The work will probably be completed in the early part of next season.

## MOTH WORK

The work of suppressing the gypsy and brown tail moths has been continued through the year.

During the early part of this year much work was done in the cutting off of the nests of the brown tail moth and painting the gypsy moth egg clusters with creosote. The street trees were well taken care of and some private work was done.

A Niagara spraying machine was bought and with it considerable spraying has been done. Spraying, if done at the proper time, proves to be a very efficient method of destroying moths.

The street trees were burlapped and the burlap turned in a systematic manner and in this way many gypsy moths were destroyed.

During the fall the egg clusters of the gypsy moth were painted to the five foot line in order that snow should not interfere



with the work during the winter and also to prevent the eggs from being brushed off and scattered.

The work since winter began has consisted of painting gypsy moth eggs with creosote, cutting off brown tail nests, and trimming out the roadsides.

The street trees at the present time are well cared for but there are large wooded areas in the west and south parts of the town that are badly infested, and unless considerable money is available we are sure to have much stripping next year.

We earnestly request the co-operation of the citizens in the work of suppressing the moths.

#### PLAYGROUND

In accordance with instructions received at the last annual meeting we secured the same Playground for another year. The conditions of the lease are the same as those of previous years.

We gave the Base Ball Association permission to erect seats on either side of the field in order that people who wished to see the game might be better accommodated.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
GEORGE L. PRATT,		



## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

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### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,600 00
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#### EXPENDED

J. W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	300 00
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	250 00
G. L. Pratt, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Mar. 5, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	208 33
H. R. Johnson, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1906, to Mar. 5, 1906 . . . . .	41 67
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1906 . . . . .	400 00
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1906 . . . . .	250 00
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1906 . . . . .	250 00
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1906 . . . . .	250 00
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars, 1906 . . . . .	40 00
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, 1906 . . . . .	137 50
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, 1906 . . . . .	30 00
G. H. Clough, Registrar, year ending April 30, 1906 . . . . .	30 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,187 50	\$3,600 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,187 50	\$3,600 00
O. McKenney, Registrar, 1906 . . . . .	30 00	
G. L. Flint, Electric Light Commissioner, Mar. 1, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	62 50	
W. F. Cook, Electric Light Commissioner, 1906 . . . . .	75 00	
F. W. Willis, Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1906, to Nov. 30, 1906 . . . . .	68 75	
W. S. Kinsley, Electric Light Commis- sioner, Aug. 1, 1905, to Mar. 1, 1906 . . . . .	43 75	
H. R. Johnson, Water Commissioner, 1906	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, Water Commissioner, 1906	75 00	
G. A. Shackford, Water Commissioner, 1906 . . . . .	75 00	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903 . . . . .	4 99	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904 . . . . .	132 57	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905 . . . . .	245 01	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906 . . . . .	474 24	
J. F. Turner, Auditor, 1905 . . . . .	33 34	
A. R. Shepardson, Auditor, 1905 . . . . .	33 33	
J. H. Wilson, Auditor, 1905 . . . . .	33 33	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1906	50 00	
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, 1906 . . . . .	25 00	
G. L. Flint, Board of Health, 1906 . . . . .	25 00	
G. L. Flint, Moderator, Jan. 15, 1906, Mar. 5, 1906, July 2, 1906, Nov. 12, 1906 . . . . .	20 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		169 31
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	\$3,769 31	\$3,769 31

## TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation . . . . .	\$400 00
Amount refunded by Municipal Light Board . . . . .	8 89

## EXPENDED.

C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamps . . . . .	31 48	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1906 . . . . .	191 75	
M. F. Charles, supplies . . . . .	45 44	
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies . . . . .	13 25	
C. M. Barrows Co., order book . . . . .	12 75	
Boston Book Co., supplies . . . . .	6 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	3 30	
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies . . . . .	16 99	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . . . .	6 74	
H. R. Johnson, repairs . . . . .	1 60	
F. W. Danforth, lettering sign . . . . .	10 00	
T. C. Fife, plumbing . . . . .	60 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	9 09	
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	\$408 89	\$408 89

## PRINTING

Appropriation . . . . .	\$700 00
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## EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports 1905 . . . . .	\$347 20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports . . . . .	27 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscel. printing . . . . .	273 50	
Thomas Groom & Co., Tax Collector's record book . . . . .	21 35	
C. M. Barrows Co., Selectmen's order book . . . . .	12 75	
Item Press, Assessors' returns . . . . .	2 50	
Unexpended . . . . .	15 20	
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	\$700 00	\$700 00

## ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
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## EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall for caucuses, annual Town election, regis- tration of voters, State election and special Town meetings, 1906 . . . . .	\$90 00	
Lyceum Hall Association, putting up and taking down election booths . . . . .	7 50	
F. D. Merrill, posting warrants . . . . .	3 00	
J. H. Orr, services at elections, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 50	
Robert Powers, services at elections, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	7 37	
J. W. Saunders, services at elections, March 5 and Nov. 12, 1906 . . . . .	1 50	
H. R. Johnson, labor on booths . . . . .	3 43	
John Connelly, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905, and March 5, 1906 . . . . .	15 00	
W. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
C. C. Richardson, ballot clerk, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
H. M. Donegan, teller, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
A. E. Nichols, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
H. E. Eames, teller, March 5 and Nov. 6, 1906	10 00	
J. B. Champney, teller, March 5, and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
M. H. Loud, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
W. K. Badger, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
O. B. Ruggles, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$203 30	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$203 30	\$300 00
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, March 5, and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
J. C. Oxley, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
W. S. Badger, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
C. I. Alger, teller, March 5, and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
G. E. Horrocks, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
H. R. Johnson, teller, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
C. W. MacDougall, teller, March 5, and Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
J. A. Freeman, teller, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
J. W. Killam, election officer, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
G. L. Pratt, election officer, Nov. 6, 1906, and teller, March 6, 1905 . . . . .	10 00	
W. S. Prentiss, recounting votes, March 10, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
G. H. Clough, recounting votes, March 10, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
O. McKenney, recounting votes, March 10, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, Moderator, March 5, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
G. L. Flint, teller, Nov. 6, 1906 . . . . .	5 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		18 30
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	\$318 30	\$318 30

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation . . . . .		\$1,000 00
EXPENDED		
Janet C. Varney, supplies . . . . .	\$48 00	
Susan M. Penney, supplies . . . . .	72 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$120 00	\$1,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$120 00	\$1,000 00
Charlotte A. Matthews, supplies . . .	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft, fuel and supplies . .	128 60	
Francis E. Jennings, fuel and supplies . .	70 01	
Kate V. Norris, supplies . . .	105 10	
Samuel Rounds, fuel and supplies . . .	61 65	
Margaret Pinkham, supplies . . .	36 00	
Edwin W. Witchurch, medical attendance	69 50	
Reuben R. Coates, supplies . . .	14 00	
Almira E. Smith, supplies . . .	56 00	
B. F. McAllister, supplies . . .	86 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	205 14	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

## PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of North Reading . . . . .	\$72 00
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## EXPENDED

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent . . . .	\$72 00	
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	\$72 00	\$72 00

## PAID ACCOUNT CITY OF MALDEN

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount received from City of Malden	\$90 88
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## EXPENDED

Reuben Cox, board and medical attendance	\$90 88	
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	\$90 88	\$90 88



## PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of Marblehead		\$24 00
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## EXPENDED

Lucy E. Stone, supplies	. . . . .	\$24 00	
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		\$24 00	\$24 00

## BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	. . . . .	\$70 00
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## EXPENDED

Ephraim Wight for burial expenses of Geo. A. W. Vinall	. . . . .	\$35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Sarah J. Mason	. . . . .	35 00	
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		\$70 00	\$70 00

## DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	. . . . .	\$175 00
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## EXPENDED.

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	. . . . .	\$175 00	
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		\$175 00	\$175 00

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS G. A. R. HALL

Appropriation	. . . . .	\$50 00
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## EXPENDED.

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	. . . . .	\$50 00	
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		\$50 00	\$50 00

## STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,800 00
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## EXPENDED

Wm. H. Baker . . . . .	\$48 00
Marietta Baker . . . . .	48 00
Marcus M. Bancroft . . . . .	72 00
Martha H. A. Brown . . . . .	40 00
Lydia R. Bryden . . . . .	48 00
Emmons Buck . . . . .	72 00
Julia Buck . . . . .	48 00
Edmund Buxton . . . . .	48 00
Reuben R. Coates . . . . .	62 00
John H. Corrie . . . . .	48 00
Bella Corrie . . . . .	48 00
Geo. W. Cook . . . . .	40 00
William L. Crowe . . . . .	40 00
Lucius Curtis . . . . .	66 00
John Damon . . . . .	48 00
Ellen M. Damon . . . . .	48 00
Horace E. Eames . . . . .	48 00
Ida F. Flanders . . . . .	48 00
Chas. C. Frost . . . . .	48 00
Mary Gowing . . . . .	48 00
Jennie H. Gould . . . . .	30 00
Squire Holt . . . . .	36 00
Jonathan Heselton . . . . .	36 00
Richmond Heselton . . . . .	72 00
William A. Hunter . . . . .	48 00
Merrill Hutchinson . . . . .	48 00
Harriett B. Hall . . . . .	12 00
Wm. L. Jones . . . . .	48 00
Clara A. Leathe . . . . .	12 00
Gustavus Loring . . . . .	46 00

*Amount carried forward*

\$1,404 00	\$2,800 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,404 00	\$2,800 00
Cora T. Marshall . . . . .	24 00	
Sarah J. Mason . . . . .	20 00	
Mary McIntire . . . . .	28 00	
Chas. W. Milbery . . . . .	72 00	
Chas. Myers . . . . .	8 00	
Edmund B. Parker . . . . .	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham . . . . .	48 00	
Maria M. Platts . . . . .	24 00	
Kate V. Norris . . . . .	48 00	
Ansel Nickerson . . . . .	72 00	
Susan M. Richardson . . . . .	48 00	
Zeba M. Saunders . . . . .	40 00	
Henry F. Scruton . . . . .	48 00	
Lucy E. Stone . . . . .	24 00	
George Thayer . . . . .	48 00	
Abdilla Tobey . . . . .	28 00	
Eliza J. Upton . . . . .	48 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood . . . . .	48 00	
Janet C. Varney . . . . .	48 00	
Geo. A. W. Vinall . . . . .	12 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin . . . . .	60 00	
Alfred B. Roots . . . . .	48 00	
Sarah A. Roots . . . . .	48 00	

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\$2,344 00      \$2,800 00

#### MILITARY AID

Henry Batchelder (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth) . . . . .	\$36 00
Unexpended . . . . .	420 00

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\$2,800 00      \$2,800 00

#### ACCOUNT OF CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Chas. L. Haag . . . . .		\$74 15
EXPENDED		
Chas. L. Haag, supplies . . . . .	\$74 15	
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	\$74 15	\$74 15

## RENT OF PLAYGROUND

Appropriation . . . . .		\$342 00
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## EXPENDED

Kirk Sweetser, rent Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec.		
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31, 1906 . . . . .	\$342 00	
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	<u>\$342 00</u>	<u>\$342 00</u>
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## CARE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation . . . . .		\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

Orne Green, labor . . . . .	\$78 00	
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Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	12 00	
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F. Wallace, seed . . . . .	1 35	
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Geo. A. Shackford, manure and spreading		
same . . . . .	59 25	

Overdrawn . . . . .		60
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	<u>\$150 60</u>	<u>\$150 60</u>
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## SWAN ESTATE

Amount received for rent . . . . .		\$108 00
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## EXPENDED

Water rates and expenses . . . . .	\$11 47	
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Net income . . . . .	96 53	
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	<u>\$108 00</u>	<u>\$108 00</u>
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## BAND CONCERTS

Appropriation . . . . .		\$100 00
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## EXPENDED

Fred Wallace, Mgr., expenses of band .	\$100 00	
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	<u>\$100 00</u>	<u>\$100 00</u>
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## READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,750 00
Amount raised by taxation . . . . .	7,000 00

## EXPENDED

Reading Water Works, hydrant rentals . . . . .	\$4,950 00	
Reading Water Works, street sprinkler . . . . .	500 00	
Reading Water Works, drinking fountains . . . . .	300 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water loan, water bonds 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 167, 168 . . . . .	7,000 00	
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	\$12,750 00	\$12,750 00

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$10,172 00
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## EXPENDED

Paid Municipal Light Board . . . . .	\$9,328 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	844 00	
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	\$10,172 00	\$10,172 00

## INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,600 00
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## EXPENDED

Edward F. Parker, Treas., coupons 1906 . . . . .	\$2,352 50	
Unexpended . . . . .	247 50	
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	\$2,600 00	\$2,600 00

## INTEREST SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,306 25
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## EXPENDED

State Treasurer . . . . .	\$385 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him	956 25	
Overdrawn . . . . .		35 00
	<u>\$1,341 25</u>	<u>\$1,341 25</u>

## SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Amount raised by taxation . . .	\$3,000 00
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## EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., bonds No. 13, 14, 15, issue Aug. 1st, 1895 . . . . .	\$3,000 00	
	<u>\$3,000 00</u>	<u>\$3,000 00</u>

## SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Amount received from loan . . .	5,000 00

## EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., notes paid by him .	\$10,000 00	
	<u>\$10,000 00</u>	<u>\$10,000 00</u>

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Amount raised by loan . . . . .	\$51,000 00
Balance 1905 account . . . . .	12,095 95
Amount received from accrued interest	200 28

## EXPENDED

H. P. Cummings Co., contractors . . .	\$11,918 25	
A. E. Burr, receiver for H. P. Cummings Co.	31,998 58	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$43,916 83</u>	<u>\$63,296 23</u>



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$43,916 83	\$63,296 23
W. F. Arkinson & Co., plumbing . . .	2,893 79	
M. J. Grady & Son, plastering . . .	4,028 00	
Adden & Parker, architects . . .	651 80	
W. B. Badger & Co., furniture . . .	1,141 13	
Paine Furniture Co., furniture . . .	124 20	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., standard physics tables . . . . .	135 00	
Chandler & Barber, hardware . . .	600 00	
Allen Shade Holder Co., supplies . . .	332 83	
David R. Craig, fixtures . . . . .	506 55	
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., chairs . .	588 00	
Torry, Bright & Capen Co., rugs . . .	49 50	
Morris, Murch & Butler, rug . . . . .	33 55	
Am. Painting & Decorating Co., decorating	48 34	
H. W. Johns, Manville Co., paint . . .	113 40	
American Seating Co., furniture and repairs	659 00	
Sargent, Conant & Co., footlights and reset- ting . . . . .	15 00	
C. W. Joy, bronzing radiator . . . . .	12 00	
Dwight T. Cortis, gas range . . . . .	16 50	
Whitton & Jackson, setting temporary radi- ator . . . . .	68 86	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	66 86	
E. C. Hanscom, grading . . . . .	926 62	
A. Michelini, excavating . . . . .	259 70	
J. Woodward Manning, landscape architect	188 50	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel . . . . .	275 14	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	151 19	
E. F. Parker, Treas., printing and legal ex- penses on bond issue . . . . .	93 75	
T. C. Fife, supplies . . . . .	15 03	
Unexpended . . . . .	5,385 16	
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	\$63,296 23	\$63,296 23

## INTEREST

Appropriation . . . . .	\$700 00
Amount received from First National Bank on deposits . . . . .	231 40
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904 . . . . .	902 36
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905 . . . . .	965 86
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906 . . . . .	87 30

## EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans . . . . .	\$1,981 03	
Interest on Haven and Main street notes . . . . .	80 00	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y., interest on Ceme- tery bequest funds . . . . .	274 50	
Unexpended . . . . .	551 39	
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	\$2,886 92	\$2,886 92

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$600 00
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## EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904 . . . . .	\$243 00	
" " " 1905 . . . . .	124 90	
" " " 1906 . . . . .	547 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		314 90
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	\$914 90	\$914 90

## TAXES ON PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE TOWN

## (NO APPROPRIATION)

Amount returned on account of re- assessment . . . . .	\$342 30
Amount received from taxes refunded	189 28
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$531 58

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$531 58	
Amount received from deeds not recorded . . . . .			4 50
EXPENDED			
H. M. Viall, Collector . . . . .	\$984 39		
Amount due . . . . .		448 31	
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	\$984 39	\$984 39	

## SAFE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Appropriation . . . . .		\$250 00	
EXPENDED			
Mosler Safe Co., safe . . . . .	\$250 00		
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	\$250 00	\$250 00	

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$1,000 00	
Received from junk dealers' licenses . . . . .		50 00	
Received from auctioneers' licenses . . . . .		10 00	
Received from carriage licenses . . . . .		4 00	
Received from fees sealing weights, measures, etc. . . . .		40 16	
Received from express license . . . . .		1 00	
Received from bill overpaid . . . . .		25	
EXPENDED			
C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, 1906 . . . . .	\$125 00		
M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths, clerical work and stationery . . . . .	88 70		
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee . . . . .	25 00		
M. F. Charles, investigating records . . . . .	10 00		
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$248 70	\$1,105 41	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$248 70	\$1,105 41
J. H. Adden, investigating records . . .	35 00	
E. F. Parker, miscellaneous expenses as Treasurer . . . . .	4 75	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . .	81 25	
Geo. E. Horrocks & Son, insurance . . .	56 25	
A. B. Jenney, M. D., reporting births . .	25	
F. E. Parks, M. D., reporting births . . .	25	
J. A. Leary, M. D., reporting births . . .	25	
J. W. Heath, M. D., reporting births . . .	5 50	
S. H. Parks, M. D., reporting births . . .	8 75	
F. L. Smalley, M. D., reporting births . .	4 00	
C. R. Henderson, M. D., reporting births .	9 75	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., reporting births .	24 50	
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., reporting births . . .	7 50	
Chas. E. Montague, M. D., reporting births	75	
Geo. E. Pierce, reporting deaths . . . .	13 50	
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths . . .	11 25	
Julia P. Ide, typewriting Town warrant . .	4 00	
Mary E. Vermille, typewriting list of jurors	1 50	
Francis Bros., repairing West street pump	3 32	
Lila D. Stott, clerical services for Assessors	37 85	
Mrs. J. S. Bond, repairing flag . . . . .	2 50	
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks for Collector	2 00	
H. C. Derby, dating stamp for Town Clerk	3 00	
Wakefield Daily Item, dog blanks and posters . . . . .	3 75	
H. A. Wheeler & Co., flag . . . . .	24 65	
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., posts for automo- bile signs and repairing settees on Common . . . . .	11 50	
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., Assessors' blanks . . . . .	78	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	65	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$607 70	<hr/> \$1,105 41

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$607 70	\$1,105 41
F. W. Parker, salary Sealer Weights and Measures . . . . .	100 00	
F. W. Parker, miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	11 45	
C. W. Abbott, P. M., stamped envelopes and stamps . . . . .	42 40	
The Baltimore Enamel & Novelty Co., auto signs . . . . .	10 50	
H. R. Johnson, labor and repairs on band stand . . . . .	1 54	
Kavanagh Bros., stone for Cape Cod monument . . . . .	45 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft, miscellaneous surveys . . . . .	46 50	
O. O. Ordway, repairing prisoners' cots . . . . .	4 50	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies . . . . .	13 35	
Geo. A. Shackford, transporting patients to hospital . . . . .	17 00	
Old South M. E. Church, care of clock . . . . .	50 00	
Ephraim Wight, miscellaneous expenses Burial Agent . . . . .	16 00	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire for Police dept. . . . .	15 00	
Spencer Mfg. Co., police badges . . . . .	5 25	
Chas. C. Wright, erecting auto signs . . . . .	2 60	
Labor on ditches . . . . .	84 98	
Carter Ink Co., ink for Town Clerk . . . . .	1 25	
Mrs. S. Porter, reporting births . . . . .	1 25	
Unexpended . . . . .	29 14	
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	\$1,105 41	\$1,105 41

## STREET DEPARTMENT

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### HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Amount received from Boston & Northern Street Railway, acc't West street drain . . . . .	147 85
Amount received from J. S. Temple, account sidewalk and edgestones . . . . .	32 85
Amount received from material sold . . . . .	61 81
Amount received from bill overpaid . . . . .	40
A portion of amount received from Street Railway franchise and excise tax . . . . .	4,737 45

#### EXPENDED

Labor and teams . . . . .	\$2,295 59
Labor . . . . .	2,681 63
Gravel . . . . .	258 31
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, 1906 . . . . .	850 00
Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies . . . . .	124 91
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	23 51
C. W. Abbott, P. M., postage . . . . .	1 00
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	3 73
H. R. Johnson, lumber and supplies . . . . .	3 59
T. C. Fife, supplies . . . . .	4 10
Geo. E. Gill, building fences . . . . .	58 06
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	1 65

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,306 08	\$6,980 36
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,306 08	\$6,980 36
J. A. Blunt, repairs . . . . .	9 49	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	22 30	
A. W. Danforth, supplies . . . . .	90	
Puritan Iron Works, catch basin cover . . . . .	7 75	
G. H. Atkinson Co., supplies . . . . .	90	
Municipal Light Board, supplies for steam road roller . . . . .	13 79	
Reading Water Works, water pipe . . . . .	39 33	
Town Home, supplies . . . . .	2 50	
Dock Square Hardware Co., supplies . . . . .	1 35	
G. F. King & Co., supplies . . . . .	3 62	
Peter Barclay Co., supplies . . . . .	50	
Geo. E. Horrocks, insurance . . . . .	26 25	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	26 25	
Road Roller Note . . . . .	450 00	
R. L. Beers, repairs . . . . .	20	
Jos. Breck & Sons Corp., supplies . . . . .	2 10	
C. A. Clafin & Co., supplies . . . . .	6 90	
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs . . . . .	1 10	
Nathan Bancroft Est., supplies . . . . .	12 55	
Huey Bros., supplies . . . . .	10 50	
L. W. Allen, Supt., miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	2 85	
Killorin Contracting Co., crushed stone . . . . .	33 15	
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	\$6,980 36	\$6,980 36

## STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation . . . . .	\$450 00
EXPENDED	
H. G. Stock, labor and use of horses . . . . .	\$416 01
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	4 50
Unexpended . . . . .	29 49
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	\$450 00

## REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
A portion of amount received from Street Railway franchise and ex- cise tax . . . . .	66 27

## EXPENDED

Labor and teams . . . . .	\$194 82	
Labor . . . . .	153 20	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	10 45	
R. C. Totten, repairs . . . . .	3 00	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	3 90	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	90	
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	\$366 27	\$366 27

## CONCRETE WORK

Appropriation . . . . .	\$350 00
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## EXPENDED

T. A. Mulrony, concreting . . . . .	\$346 85	
Unexpended . . . . .	3 15	
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	\$350 00	\$350 00

## ORANGE STREET DRAIN

Appropriation . . . . .	\$200 00
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## EXPENDED

Labor . . . . .	\$ 84 80	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe . . . . .	105 00	
Barbour, Stockwell Co., catch basin cover . . . . .	10 50	
Overdrawn . . . . .		30
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	\$200 30	\$200 30

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance . . . . .	\$ 83 97
Amount received from excise tax, 1906	2,459 77
Amount received from franchise tax, 1906 . . . . .	2,332 08

## EXPENDED

Account highways . . . . .	\$4,737 45	
Account of snow and ice . . . . .	66 27	
Unexpended . . . . .	72 10	
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	\$4,875 82	\$4,875 82

## MOTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,769 78
Received from Citizens' Committee .	79 59
Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	1,381 14
Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	2,185 94

## EXPENDED

Geo. F. Sawyer, local Supt. . . . .	\$372 00	
Guy A. Hubbard, local Supt. . . . .	468 08	
Geo. F. Sawyer, miscellaneous expenses .	3 85	
Guy A. Hubbard, miscellaneous expenses .	2 30	
Guy A. Hubbard, clerical work on moth notices . . . . .	3 00	
Labor . . . . .	3,536 81	
Bowker Insecticide Co., desparene and creosote . . . . .	206 94	
Dyer Supply Co., burlap . . . . .	76 79	
W. H. Claflin Co., Inc., burlap . . . .	43 63	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$4,713 40	\$5,412 45

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,713 40	\$5,412 45
H. L. Frost Co., spraying machine and ladders . . . . .	234 57	
Merrimac Chemical Co., arsenate of lead . . . . .	60 00	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., brushes . . . . .	3 78	
Alden, Spear's Son Co., creosote . . . . .	10 44	
A. W. Chesterton & Co., brushes . . . . .	3 75	
W. M. Farwell, hose . . . . .	18 00	
Bigelow & Dowse Co., axes . . . . .	7 50	
Joseph Breck & Sons Co., tools and supplies . . . . .	9 55	
National Coal Tar Co., creosote . . . . .	10 58	
W. H. Hutchinson, bamboo poles . . . . .	2 40	
J. C. Oxley, creosote . . . . .	5 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., burlap and twine . . . . .	43 80	
S. H. Davis Co., knives . . . . .	2 10	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., supplies . . . . .	60	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	27 35	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	41 71	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire . . . . .	15 00	
John A. Blunt, repairs . . . . .	8 50	
R. L. Beers, repairs . . . . .	20	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	6 20	
T. C. Fife, supplies . . . . .	30	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	75	
Allen Bros., rubber stamp and pad . . . . .	40	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, grinding tools . . . . .	2 75	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	11 95	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	129 87	
Town Home, use of horse . . . . .	42 00	
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	\$5,412 45	\$5,412 45

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the by-laws and custom, I have the honor of submitting to you the annual report of the service rendered by the Police Department for the year ending December 31st, 1906.

Number of arrests during the year . . . . 90

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
January . . . . .	5	0	5
February . . . . .	4	0	4
March . . . . .	7	0	7
April . . . . .	3	0	3
May . . . . .	7	1	8
June . . . . .	4	2	6
July . . . . .	8	0	8
August . . . . .	7	0	7
September . . . . .	20	0	20
October . . . . .	6	0	6
November . . . . .	9	0	9
December . . . . .	7	0	7
	87	3	90

Residents, 36, non-residents, 54 ; American born, 59, foreign born, 31 ; adults, 79, minors, 11.

### OFFENSES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Assault . . . . .	3	0	3
Assault with dangerous weapon . . . . .	1	0	1

Attempting to wreck train . . . . .	1	0	1
Breaking and entering . . . . .	4	0	4
Breaking glass . . . . .	1	0	1
Capias . . . . .	2	0	2
Drunkenness . . . . .	39	0	39
Delinquent children . . . . .	3	0	3
Disturbing the peace . . . . .	2	0	2
Evading car fare . . . . .	2	0	2
Insane . . . . .	1	2	3
Larceny . . . . .	6	0	6
Non-support . . . . .	4	0	4
Stubbornness . . . . .	1	1	2
Trespass . . . . .	4	0	4
Truancy . . . . .	1	0	1
Tramps . . . . .	3	0	3
Violation of food law . . . . .	1	0	1
Violation of speed law . . . . .	8	0	8
	<hr/> 87	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 90

## DISPOSITION OF CASES IN COURT

Number of fines imposed . . . . .	32
Number that paid fines . . . . .	28
Number committed for non-payment . . . . .	4
Sentenced to House of Correction . . . . .	11
Sentenced to State Prison . . . . .	2
Sentenced to State Farm . . . . .	3
Sentenced to Truant School . . . . .	1
Delivered to other officers . . . . .	7
Committed to State Hospital . . . . .	3
Placed on file at trial . . . . .	8
Released, first offense, drunk . . . . .	8
Appealed from lower court . . . . .	2
Discharged . . . . .	1
Held for Grand Jury . . . . .	2
Placed on probation . . . . .	10
	<hr/> 90

Amount of fines imposed, \$202.00.

Amount of fines paid, \$192.00.



## MISCELLANEOUS

Assistance rendered other officers . . . . .	11
Buildings found open and secured . . . . .	134
Lost children restored to parents . . . . .	5
Sick and injured persons assisted . . . . .	6
Lanterns hung in dangerous places . . . . .	16
Amount of property reported stolen , . . . .	\$845
Amount of stolen property recovered . . . . .	\$317

Several serious burglaries have been committed and a large amount of valuable goods stolen. One of the culprits has been apprehended, convicted and sent to the State Prison for a term of twenty years, and a portion of the goods stolen by him have been recovered.

The more serious breaks have been on the west side of the Town, where no police protection can be given with our present number of patrolmen.

We have, of necessity, overdrawn our appropriation of \$2,800 and court receipts of \$192, making a total available of only \$2,992. Our pay rolls for the year amount to \$2,878.89, leaving a balance for incidentals of \$113.11, for books, stationery, postage, fuel, telephone, meals for prisoners, repairs, car fares and other necessary travelling expenses. I hope your honorable Board and the Committee on Finance will bear this in mind, that the centre of the Town MUST be protected and the other sections SHOULD be, and make an appropriation sufficient to defray the expense of both.

## ROSTER

## CHIEF

Frederic D. Merrill

## PATROLMEN

J. Henry Orr

Wm. H. Manning

## RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Powers

Wm. J. Allen

Herbert G. Stock

John W. Saunders

Jason Zwicker  
 Eugene L. Lovejoy  
 Asa Parker  
 Clement Gleason  
 Fred G. Mitchell  
 Walter P. Gleason

Samuel Brown  
 J. J. Cullinane  
 Arthur E. Davis  
 J. Mande Doucette  
 Lemuel W. Allen  
 Alden W. Sennett

LIST OF PROPERTY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
 BELONGING TO THE TOWN

One roll top desk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$12 00
One table	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Four chairs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Six helmets	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Four belts	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
One shot gun	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Four revolvers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Three twisters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Five handcuffs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Twelve billies	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
One watchman's clock	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
One pick	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
One shovel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
One iron rake	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Five lockers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
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								\$134 25

In submitting this report I must again thank your Honorable Board, Judges and associates and Clerks of the Courts for their courtesies extended the police during the past, not forgetting the patrolmen and reserve officers for their faithfulness.

Most respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1907.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,800 00
Amount received from 4th District	
Court fines . . . . .	207 00
Amount received from material sold .	11 36
Amount received from police duty .	2 38

### EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, Chief, salary 1906 . . .	\$880 50	
F. D. Merrill, transportation of prisoners .	26 71	
F. D. Merrill, use of horse . . . . .	25 00	
F. D. Merrill, miscellaneous expenses .	1 47	
J. H. Orr, salary, 1906 . . . . .	847 50	
W. H. Manning, salary, 1906 . . . . .	847 50	
W. H. Manning, special duty . . . . .	75	
H. G. Stock, special duty . . . . .	137 70	
Robert Powers, special duty . . . . .	37 03	
J. W. Saunders, special duty . . . . .	41 03	
L. W. Allen, special duty . . . . .	10 00	
W. J. Allen, special duty . . . . .	7 13	
S. Brown, special duty . . . . .	2 50	
Special police, July 3 and 4 . . . . .	57 89	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rent .	70 59	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel . . . . .	14 30	
Newton Graphic Publishing Co. . . . .	1 75	
Wm. Read & Sons, supplies . . . . .	10 65	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	1 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	1 50	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	39	
A. P. Brooks, photographs . . . . .	3 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		5 65
	\$3,026 39	\$3,026 39

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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JANUARY 1, 1907.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and six.

During the year the Department has responded to 27 alarms.

The Department consists of

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, twelve men, Woburn street.

Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main street.

Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins street.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Forest street, at C. W. C. Trask's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm and the system is in fair condition.

The Department held its fifth annual Field Day on Wednesday, Sept. 19. After the usual parade an exhibition was given on the Playground.

An exhibition of the life-saving net was given by members of the Department who jumped from the third and fourth story windows into the net held by other members of the Department. This proved one of the most interesting features of the day. We feel that the day was the most successful of any which have been held by the Department, and we wish to thank the citizens, the members of the Department, the drivers, and the Supt. of Water Works for the interest taken in making the day a success, and also the traders and the Supt. of Schools for their courtesy in closing the stores and schools on that day.

We would recommend that the Town purchase 600 feet of hose this year.

We would recommend the purchase of a 60 ft. extension ladder as we have only one ladder that we can reach the third story with. There are several buildings in Town which we cannot reach with our ladders.

By vote of the Town we have purchased the elements for renewing the storage battery, also by vote of the Town we have purchased coats for the Department.

The buildings and apparatus are all in good condition and will require no special outlay this year.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who in any way have assisted the Department the past year, and especially the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. for the free use of their current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, Chief Engineer,  
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Ass't Engineer,  
ALBION G. NICHOLS, Sec'y,

Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1906

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupant	Loss on Building	Ins. on Building	Ins. Paid	Loss on Cont'ts	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid	Cause
Jan. 8	28	8.50 a m	L. B. Lewis	L. B. Lewis	\$400 00	\$1300 00	\$400 00	\$160 00	\$700 00	\$460 00	Defective Chimney
Feb. 4	35	1.05 p m	L. Duley	L. Duley							Unknown
Feb. 4	38	6.27 p m									Grass
Feb. 7	16	7.35 p m	Jane Green	Jane Green	Small						Incendiary
Feb. 24	27	2.22 p m									Grass
Feb. 24	16	6.40 p m	M. A. Jewett		None						Grass
Mar. 2	15	7.07 p m									Grass
Mar. 6	45	1.05 a m	Elmer Harris	Elmer Harris	2966 00	4000 00	2966 00	800 00	1000 00	800 00	Unknown
Mar. 15	39	2.15 p m	A. Barrelle		50 00	None		75 00	None		Brooder Lamp
Mar. 19	68	12.14 p m	Moxie Co.		None			None			Children and Matches
Mar. 24	Still	5.15 p m	F. E. Brooks	G. E. Pierce	None			None			Chimney Still Alarm
Mar. 27	15	9.38 p m	A. F. Newhouse		Small						Incendiary
Apr. 19	25	12.17 p m									Grass
Apr. 21	39	2.40 p m	W. H. Killam	Buckminster	175 00	700 00	175 00	75 00	None		Lamp Explosion
Apr. 28	41	8.00 p m	Mrs. N. W. Broad	Wm. E. Oxley	130 00	1400 00	130 00	197 50	800 00	197 50	Lamp Explosion
May 20	35	3.50 p m	Charles Scott		None						Sparks
May 23	16	8.20 p m	M. A. Jewett		200 00	150 00	108 53	250 00	250 00	200 00	Incendiary
June 27	Still	2.45 p m	L. G. Howard	J. H. Robinson	None	1200 00	20 00	None	None	25 00	Children
June 29	18	2.45 p m	P. Devaney	McKay	20 00	200 00	25 00	None	None	25 00	Unknown
June 29	64	5.15 p m	L. G. Howard	F. H. Martin	25 00	6000 00	25 00	10 00	2000 00	10 00	Hot Fat
June 30	65	12.00 a m	E. P. Hood, L. R. Smith	A. A. Smith	31 80	2000 00	31 80	14 45	800 00	14 45	Oil Stove
July 4	46	12.40 a m									False Alarm
July 4	37	1.45 a m									False Alarm
July 4	46	1.53 a m	C. P. Manning	G. T. Nealey							False Alarm
Aug. 26	44	5.00 p m	Estate Wm. Proctor	Temple, Danforth, Winchester	20 00	1700 00	20 00	None			Child and Matches
Nov. 23	64	8.45 a m	P. Connell		1128 00	8500 00	1128 00	4910 08	18000 00	4910 08	Unknown
Dec. 15	42	1.00 p m			25 00	None					Unknown



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,300 00
Amount received from sale of material . . . . .	3 00
Amount received from bill overpaid . . . . .	2 48

## EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary Chief Engineer, 1906 . . . . .	\$100 00
O. O. Ordway, salary Engineer, 1906 . . . . .	75 00
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	9 90
A. G. Nichols, salary Engineer . . . . .	59 37
A. G. Nichols, Clerk of Board and postage to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	4 70
Geo. L. Pratt, salary Engineer to March 15 . . . . .	12 50
Geo. L. Pratt, Clerk of Board and postage from May 1, 1905, to March 15, 1906 . . . . .	6 75
L. T. Eames, salary Engineer Steamer No. 1, 1906 . . . . .	75 00
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . . . .	4 51
M. J. Shannon, salary Ass't Engineer Steam- er No. 1, 1906 . . . . .	50 00
W. H. Bancroft, Steward Hose 2, 1906 . . . . .	65 00
David Weston, Steward Hose 4, 1906 . . . . .	30 00
Parker Nichols, Steward Hose 3, 1906 . . . . .	30 00
Parker Nichols, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	57 50
E. H. Crowe, Steward H. & L. No. 1, 1906 . . . . .	60 00
Chas. J. Haag, care of hose, 1906 . . . . .	51 50
Geo. A. Shackford, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	250 00
H. G. Stock, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	350 00
E. P. Bancroft, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	125 00
E. P. Bancroft, storage of pung, 1906 . . . . .	2 00
Wm. C. McKinley, horse service, 1905 . . . . .	60 00
Wm. C. McKinley, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	50 00

*Amount carried forward*

\$1,528 73    \$4,305 48

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,528 73	\$4,305 48
C. W. C. Trask, horse service, 1906 . . . . .	10 00	
C. W. C. Trask, rent of building for Hose 5 from Oct. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	22 50	
Henry F. Haag, services as fireman from Jan. 1, 1906, to Sept. 30, 1906 . . . . .	26 25	
Henry F. Haag, extra labor . . . . .	1 00	
J. W. Sias, services as fireman from Jan. 1, to March 31, 1906 . . . . .	10 75	
F. W. Danforth, painting shafts . . . . .	2 50	
John A. Blunt, repairs . . . . .	25	
Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Co., supplies . . . . .	7 98	
H. R. Johnson, labor and supplies . . . . .	51 46	
W. F. Cook, painting . . . . .	1 25	
F. W. Davis, services as fireman from Jan. 1, to June 30, 1906 . . . . .	17 50	
J. B. Sutherland, brass polish . . . . .	3 00	
Henry K. Barnes, supplies . . . . .	9 00	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., supplies . . . . .	72	
R. P. Burgess, labor and supplies . . . . .	3 50	
Hugh L. Eames, labor . . . . .	1 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	3 32	
J. J. Cameron, bridles, straps and repairs . . . . .	24 05	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	3 50	
J. W. Gleason, labor . . . . .	1 25	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., fuel . . . . .	29 00	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	1 05	
Boston Coupling Co., repairs . . . . .	5 48	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, kindling wood . . . . .	2 00	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	4 10	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel . . . . .	7 25	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., supplies . . . . .	7 75	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	2 62	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . . . .	13 10	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,802 36	\$4,305 4

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,802 36	\$4,305 48
W. H. Wightman, insurance . . .	44 75	
Firemen's pay roll, 1906 . . .	1,965 46	
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	\$3,812 57	

## FIRE ALARM

## EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. Fire Alarm, 1906	\$100 00	
L. T. Eames, labor, material and car fare .	53 02	
J. W. Gleason, labor . . . .	70 55	
J. W. Sias, labor . . . .	3 50	
F. G. Nichols, labor . . . .	44 08	
H. F. Haag, labor . . . .	6 66	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . . .	37 00	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., supplies . .	3 01	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . .	11 46	
American Express Co., expressing . .	15	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . .	4 45	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., material for bat- teries . . . . .	28 92	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., supplies . .	6 65	
Braman, Dow & Co., supplies . . .	2 48	
Harry Walters, wire, cross arms, insulators, etc. . . . .	99 46	
C. S. Knowles, insulators . . . .	1 50	
Unexpended . . . . .	20 02	
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	\$4,305 48	\$4,305 48

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERCOATS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

J. D. Macewen, overcoats . . . .	\$162 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		12 00
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	\$162 00	\$162 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT STORAGE BATTERY

Appropriation . . . . .	\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., storage battery .	\$139 92	
Unexpended . . . . .	10 08	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

## FOREST FIRES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

Labor . . . . .	\$18 77	
Labor and teams . . . . .	9 75	
Prescott & Co., hose for Johnson pumps .	90	
C. W. C. Trask, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	15 00	
J. N. Weston, salary year ending April 30, 1906 . . . . .	15 00	
W. A. Bancroft, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	15 00	
H. E. McIntire, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	15 00	
A. G. Nichols, salary Jan. 1, 1905, to Apr. 30, 1906 . . . . .	20 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	40 58	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1907.

*To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:*

I submit the following report:

No additions have been made to the Fire Alarm System this year. It is in as good condition as it can be until some of the old bare wire has been replaced by insulated wire. Many of the cross-arms and risers have rotted and have got to be replaced to guard against the alarm wires coming in contact with the electric light wires, which might cause damage to the apparatus in the battery room to the extent of several hundred dollars.

### LOCATION OF BOXES

- 13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
- 15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- 16—Main St., near South.
- 17—Prescott St., near Arlington St.
- 18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
- 22—No session, High School House.
- 23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.
- 24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.
- 25—Prospect St., near King.
- 26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
- 28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
- 29—Corner of West and King Sts.
- 32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell St., Eastern Rubber Co. Works.
- 34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.

- 35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
- 36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
- 37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
- 38—Corner of Main and Forest Sts.
- 39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
- 41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
- 42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
- 44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
- 45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
- 46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
- 47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
- 62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
- 63—Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
- 67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
- 68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

LEONARD T. EAMES,  
Supt. Fire Alarm.



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

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*To the Board of Selectmen:—*

I herein submit my report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1907.

The annual inspection was carried out according to the orders of the Cattle Bureau, suspicious animals quarantined, appraised and rendered.

The stock of our town is improving each year and is far superior to that of many of the surrounding towns at present. Our dairies have been improved and many of the owners have built separate rooms away from the stable in which to care for and prepare the milk for shipment.

Glanders has been found in two cases investigated, and these were speedily destroyed and the premises properly disinfected.

The slaughtering industry of our town has grown to a considerable extent. Last year over 1,500 head of cattle, 400 calves and 500 hogs were killed, several of which were condemned and rendered as a whole. Others were condemned in part; that is, portions of a carcass were condemned, being unfit for food, and rendered.

Owing to the outbreak of rabies in certain portions of the State all dogs were ordered muzzled or restrained. While we have had but two or three cases in our town, one in a calf and two dogs which were fortunately confined at the time symptoms developed, we should consider ourselves favored in many ways; first, that no person was bitten by these rabid animals, and second, that so few of our dogs or other animals were bitten. For the disease favors neither animal nor man once the system becomes infected by the virus of a rabid animal unless a speedy treatment is decided upon after the methods adopted by Prof. Pasteur of the Pasteur Institute, New York.

Yours very truly,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to present the sixth annual report of the department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906:

	CORRECT	ADJ.	CD.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5000 lbs.	2	1		3
" " scales under 5000 lbs.	9	5		14
" " small scales	42	11		53
" " computing scales	10	1		11
" " pan scales	7	3		10
" " family scales	4			4
" " ice scales	6	3	1	10
" " steel yards	1			1
" " balances	2			2
" " milk measures	12			12
" " dry measures	23		1	24
" " wet measures	32			32
" " yard sticks	2			2
" " milk and cream jars	12,632		404	13,036

Money received for sealing, \$40.16.

In closing, I wish to express my hearty thanks to our merchants who have almost without exception readily and promptly cooperated with me, and to the town officials with whom I have been connected for their kindness and the aid they have offered me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. PARKER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—*

GENTLEMEN :—The general work of the Cemetery has been carried out the past year in a thorough manner.

The lot added to the Cemetery by purchase from the Old South M. E. Society has been cleared of brush and some of the gravel used for rebuilding one of the avenues. If the gravel used in this way stands the test of spring it will prove a valuable asset, for a number of the avenues need rebuilding. The note for \$100—the first payment for the lot—was paid from the Cemetery funds.

Eighteen maple trees have been set out on Highland avenue and will eventually prove an attractive addition to this section of the Cemetery which hitherto has been nude of trees.

The lots made available through digging over, grading and laying out several years ago have nearly all been disposed of. The outlay has proven very profitable. By another year we shall have to come before the Town for a special appropriation to improve the now unused portion of the Cemetery.

The fence on the north side of the Cemetery has reached the last stages of its usefulness and another year a special appropriation will be needed to replace it.

Our needs for the coming year will be \$900 and the receipts from the sale of lots.

Any citizen having suggestions in regard to the Cemetery are cordially invited to confer with the Superintendent at any time.

The terms of Alden Batchelder and Frank L. Edgerly expire this year, and we are pleased to report that it is their intention to remain on the Board if it is the desire of the voters for them to do so.

ALFRED W. DANFORTH, Supt.

## LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation . . . . .	\$800 00
Unexpended balance, 1905 . .	38 24
Interest on cemetery bequests, 1906 .	274 50
Amount received from sale of lots and graves . . . . .	760 00

## EXPENDED

A. W. Danforth, Supt., salary . . . . .	\$ 75 60
A. W. Danforth, supplies . . . . .	5 00
Labor . . . . .	1,118 64
Teams . . . . .	252 75
Old South M. E. Church, first note in pay- ment of lot of land purchased by vote of the Town March, 1906 . . . . .	100 00
Jason Zwicker, supplies . . . . .	7 00
F. Wallace, fertilizer and supplies . . .	23 99
Weston & Emery, plants, shrubs and flowers	116 30
J. Woodward Manning, maple trees and planting same . . . . .	50 00
T. A. Mulroney, concreting . . . . .	11 25
Standard Fertilizer Co., fertilizer . . .	32 50
F. W. Danforth, painting signs and supplies	15 10
H. P. Smith & Co., lettered markers . .	12 00
O. W. Austin, loam . . . . .	22 50
A. E. Batchelder, loam . . . . .	9 00
Highway Dept., use of road roller . . .	2 37
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	2 20
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	5 50
Wendell Bancroft & Co., supplies . . .	1 93
E. L. Lovejoy, Ta-Bo . . . . .	2 00
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, advertising . .	1 00
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	4 00
Unexpended . . . . .	2 71

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\$1,872 74    \$1,872 74

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*To the Citizens of Reading :*

We herewith respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1906.

Number of cases of contagious diseases reported, 50.

Diphtheria	39	Deaths	2
Scarlet fever	4	Deaths	0
Typhoid fever	3	Deaths	0
Measles	4	Deaths	0

Deaths from all causes, 74.

Rooms fumigated, 62.

### CAUSES OF DEATH

Tuberculosis	3	Intestinal Obstruction	1
Pneumonia	2	Sarcoma	2
Child birth	1	Appendicitis	1
Heart disease	8	Pernicious anemia	1
Accident	1	Senile bronchitis	1
Cerebral hemorrhage	6	Leucoemia	1
Still born	9	Entero Colitis	1
Phthisis pulmonalis	2	Poisoning	1
Acute indigestion	2	Phlebitis	1
Fracture	3	Diphtheria	2
Malnutrition	1	Meningitis	1
Nephritis	1	Aretis	1
Senility	1	Intestinal hemorrhage	1
Sclerosis	1	Diabetis	1
Old age	1	Gangrene	1
Asthma	1	Tumor	1
Exopthal goitre	1	Myocarditis	2

Gastro enteritis	4	Peritonitis	1
Whooping cough	1	Carsimona	1
Apoplexy	3		

Burial permits issued, 74.

January	9	July	7
February	3	August	4
March	3	September	5
April	5	October	7
May	7	November	9
June	5	December	10

Permits to do plumbing granted, 107.

Notices sent on complaints, 14.

Premises inspected where no complaints were made and conditions improved on verbal directions, 10.

During the prevalence of diphtheria in September it was thought best to close the Union street and Prospect street schools for a few days, that we might have an opportunity to thoroughly fumigate the buildings and look after the sanitary conditions.

The buildings were fumigated and much needed changes made in the plumbing of the Union street and old High school buildings.

The case of City of Melrose against the Town of Reading, on account of sickness, death and burial of Pettengill G. Carlton, has been settled for \$449.33, which the Town counsel advised to do rather than let it go to trial.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. FLINT, Chairman.

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Sec'y.

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Board of Health.



## BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation . . . . .	\$600 00
Cash refunded . . . . .	6 50
Cash refunded by Municipal Light Board . . . . .	7 23

## EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing	\$300 00	
G. S. Tukey, fumigating . . . . .	15 50	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., salary Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions, 1906 . . . . .	50 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric lights Dec., 1905, and Jan., 1906 . . . . .	13 34	
Lyceum Hall Association, rent year ending Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	100 00	
J. C. Oxley, disinfectant . . . . .	44 00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical services . . . . .	1 50	
Mrs. Frank A. Eaton, expenses in diphtheria case . . . . .	75 00	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	3 85	
American Express, expressing . . . . .	3 30	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	45	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	1 35	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	90	
E. C. Hanscom, labor and material . . . . .	6 50	
C. W. Abbott, P. M., postage . . . . .	1 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		2 96
	<hr/> \$616 69	<hr/> \$616 69

## BOARD OF HEALTH

## ACCOUNT OF PETTENGILL G. CARLETON

## EXPENDED

City of Melrose, medical services, funeral expenses and supplies . . . . .	\$449 33	
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$449 33
	<hr/> \$449 33	<hr/> \$449 33

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Honorable Board of Health:*

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906:

Applications filed	107
Left over	2
Calls made	297
Water closets set	106
Bath tubs set	52
Bowls set	67
Sinks set	87
Trays set	64
Butlers' sinks set	2
Physical and chemical sinks set	4
Urinals set	3
Grease traps set	1
Laundry gutter washers set	2
Drinking fountains set	3
Milk room trays set	2
Soda fountain drip pans set	1
Alterations	12
Ventilation and trapping old fixtures	12

I wish to call your attention to the fact "that you may take course to enlighten our citizens" of the absolute necessity of a sewer system for the centre of the Town and its immediate surroundings.

The large block corner of High and Haven streets known as Black's block, now Mellen's heirs, is in a critical condition; at times a cesspool of filth. We can hardly connect and put in condition

one drain before another is cut off and allowed to run under the building, and your inspector feels that it will necessitate the condemnation of the estate by your board in the very near future, as was the case with the Symes' building, and allow me to say for the health and good of the Town that this case is one of many NOT QUITE SO BAD conditions that can be made safe by a sewer system only.

Thanking the Secretary, the Board, my craft and the citizens at large for their kind co-operation, I am,

Respectfully submitted,  
GREENLEAF S. TUKEY, Inspector.

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$100 00
Unexpended balance 1905 . . . . .	101 23

#### EXPENDED

Labor . . . . .	\$176 00	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	95	
Morss, Whyte Co., netting for tree pro- tectors . . . . .	22 50	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	75	
Treat Hardware & Supply Co., supplies . . . . .	1 70	
Geo. M. Hutchinson, damage to garden . . . . .	3 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		3 67
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	\$204 90	\$204 90

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1906:

Valuation of real estate . . . .	\$4,203,020 00
Valuation of personal property, not including resident Nat'l Bank stock	\$587,775 00
Resident National Bank stock . . . .	27,750 00
	<hr/> \$615,525 00
Total real and personal property . . . .	\$4,818,545 00
Increase in value of real estate . . . .	\$83,107 00
Increase in value of personal estate . . . .	51,846 00
Value of buildings excluding land . . . .	2,619,392 00
Value of land excluding buildings . . . .	1,583,638 00
Tax on real estate . . . .	\$84,060 40
Tax on personal estate . . . .	12,310 50
Tax on polls . . . .	3,354 00
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Total tax assessed on polls and estates . . . .	\$99,724 90
Tax assessed on polls since May 1, 1906 . . . .	8 00
Additional tax real and personal assessed Dec. 17, 1906 . . . .	64 54
Street railway excise tax (11.832-1000 miles in Reading) . . . .	2,332 08
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Total taxes assessed from all sources . . . .	\$102,129 52
Wellington bridge tax . . . .	\$699 70
State highway tax . . . .	186 80
State tax . . . .	5,110 00
County tax . . . .	5,082 81
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Total for state and county . . . .	\$11,079 31
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Balance used for Town purposes . . . .	\$91,050 21

Rate of taxation \$20 on \$1000

Total number of persons assessed on property	.	.	1,463
Total number of persons assessed on polls only	.	.	973
Number of polls May 1, 1906	.	.	1,677
Number of polls added since	.	.	4
Total polls assessed	.	.	1,681
Increase from 1905	.	.	63
Number of horses	.	.	394
Number of cows	.	.	382
Number neat cattle	.	.	42
Number sheep	.	.	6
Number swine	.	.	232
Number fowls	.	.	5,284
Number dwellings	.	.	1,287
Number new dwellings	.	.	10
Number acres land	.	.	5,734

EDWARD F. PARKER,

JOHN H. ADDEN,

MILLARD F. CHARLES,

Assessors of Reading.



## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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H. M. VIALL, Collector,

TO TOWN OF READING

### DR.

Amount of uncollected taxes for 1904	\$ 9,293 82
Additional taxes for 1904 . . .	34 00
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1905	29,980 58
Additional taxes for 1905 . . .	58 00
Committed list taxes for 1906 . .	99,871 67
Excise tax for 1906 . . . . .	2,332 08
Additional taxes for 1906 . . .	23 00
Supplementary taxes for 1906 . .	49 54
Interest, 1904 . . . . .	902 36
Interest, 1905 . . . . .	965 86
Interest, 1906 . . . . .	87 30

### CR.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.	
In full account of 1904 . . .	\$10,230 18
Account of 1905 . . . . .	22,150 00
Account of 1906 . . . . .	65,000 00
Excise tax, 1906 . . . . .	2,332 08
By uncollected tax, 1905 . . . .	8,854 44
By uncollected tax, 1906 . . . .	35,031 51
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	\$143,598 21    \$143,598 21

H. M. VIALL, Collector.

READING, DEC. 31, 1906.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:*

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1906.

### TOWN HOME

Total number of inmates during year	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Number discharged	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Number of deaths	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Number at present time	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

### NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE TOWN HOME

Temporary aid granted adults	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Temporary aid granted children	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

The number of inmates at the Town Home has been about the same as last year and the net expense is very nearly the same as last year, notwithstanding the fact that there has been considerable sickness among the inmates.

There has been considerable increase in personal property as shown by the inventory, and there has been a number of needed improvements made in the house and about the premises by the Superintendent, some of which are new floor for kitchen, new cess-pool, shed for carts and tools, and general improvement of land.

The calls for outside aid have amounted to considerably less than last year. The number aided has been less than last year.

We invite your attention to the financial statement which is given on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,  
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,  
GEORGE L. PRATT,

Overseers of the Poor.

## TOWN HOME

## INMATES

James Hunter . . . . .	Aged 63 years
Margaret Sullivan . . . . .	" 73 "
Henry W. Weston . . . . .	" 59 "
Charles H. Ballard . . . . .	" 60 "
William H. Burnham, died Nov. 13, 1906 .	" 80 "
Mehitable Parker, admitted March 12, 1906, discharged May 10, 1906 . . . . .	" 80 "
Frank C. Gilchrist, discharged Aug. 24, 1906, admitted Sept. 21, '06, discharged Nov. 2, '06, admitted Dec. 1, '06 . . . . .	" 60 "
James S. Wyatt, admitted June 27, '06 . . .	" 82 "

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME JAN. 1, 1907

Live stock . . . . .	\$731 05
Hay and grain . . . . .	327 45
Wagons, carts and sleighs . . . . .	193 00
Manure . . . . .	95 00
Harnesses, blankets, etc. . . . .	60 90
Two snow plows . . . . .	15 00
Spraying machine and chemicals . . . . .	40 00
Barrels, boxes and baskets . . . . .	32 40
Fuel . . . . .	103 75
Farming tools and implements . . . . .	187 65
Beds and bedding . . . . .	119 15
Household furniture and utensils . . . . .	460 30
Provisions and supplies . . . . .	187 63
	<hr/> \$2,553 28

## TOWN HOME

Amount received from sale of milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables, apples, pigs, etc. . . . .	\$1,018 11
Amount received from labor on high- way . . . . .	202 01
Amount received from gravel . . .	34 56
Amount received for use of horse, moth dept. . . . .	42 00
Amount refunded by Municipal Light Board . . . . .	4 51

## EXPENDED

W. C. Smith, salary Supt. . . . .	\$500 00	
W. C. Smith, miscellaneous supplies . . .	73 76	
Delia Joyce, wages . . . . .	50 23	
Hannah Welsh, wages . . . . .	30 50	
Maggie Jameson, wages . . . . .	30 50	
Clara Brannigan, wages . . . . .	30 50	
Thos. Brannigan, wages . . . . .	20 00	
Geo. B. McLellan, wages . . . . .	70 00	
Mary Orr, wages . . . . .	29 50	
Minnie Robbins, wages . . . . .	15 50	
C. F. Palmer, labor . . . . .	9 00	
T. J. Cullinane, labor . . . . .	7 00	
E. H. Crowe, labor . . . . .	2 83	
W. Freestone, labor . . . . .	43 63	
Geo. Hunt, labor . . . . .	25 35	
Joanna O'Brien, nurse . . . . .	41 20	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries	459 09	
G. H. Atkinson Co., grain and groceries .	418 00	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries . . .	114 11	
Wm. H. Mears, groceries . . . . .	58 61	
E. L. Chamberlain, meats and provisions .	84 08	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,113 39</u>	\$1,301 19

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,113 39	\$1,301 19
Berry & Rich, meats . . . . .	32 40	
W. A. Rich, meats . . . . .	21 78	
M. F. Holt, meats . . . . .	9 94	
Chas. L. Nichols, meats . . . . .	20 43	
Wm. Taylor, meats . . . . .	9 61	
H. W. Wilson, crackers . . . . .	16 36	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods . . . . .	27 52	
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods . . . . .	15 39	
H. O. Copeland & Co., dry goods . . . . .	9 54	
Francis Bartley, clothing . . . . .	52 54	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	4 18	
Boston Oyster Co., oysters . . . . .	1 25	
W. Gray, hen meat . . . . .	1 40	
Eames Bros., saw dust . . . . .	1 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., fuel and supplies	106 64	
Francis Bros., range, hardware and supplies	155 87	
C. L. Martin Est., fuel . . . . .	140 75	
Nathan Bancroft Est., shoes and repairing	16 10	
J. J. Cameron, harness repairs . . . . .	2 60	
W. C. Taylor, harness, leather and supplies	19 65	
P. J. Seaman, labor and material . . . . .	26 28	
H. P. Hubbard, horse shoeing . . . . .	19 50	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing . . . . .	13 50	
E. F. Gerry, labor . . . . .	4 93	
J. A. Murphy, repairs . . . . .	1 00	
Barker Lumber Co., hardwood floor . . . . .	18 26	
W. H. Willis, medicines . . . . .	31 34	
J. C. Oxley, medicines . . . . .	10 90	
A. W. Danforth, medicines . . . . .	14 10	
E. E. Nichols, ice . . . . .	10 54	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, labor and material	8 80	
F. W. Parker, barber work for inmates . . . . .	11 35	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	18 80	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,968 14	\$1,301 19

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,968 14	\$1,301 19
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . .	3 71	
Municipal Light Board, electricity . . .	9 19	
Deming Co., repairs on old spraying machine	11 50	
W. P. Chisholm, ladder . . . . .	4 00	
C. I. Nesmith, supplies . . . . .	75	
H. C. Barrows, milk bottle caps . . .	2 60	
A. D. Morse, wall paper . . . . .	2 34	
Chas. Wakefield, supplies . . . . .	4 25	
H. R. Johnson, carpenter work . . .	9 95	
W. H. Wightman, insurance . . . . .	15 00	
Geo. E. Pierce, funeral expenses . . .	36 65	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	44 37	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., professional services . . . . .	10 50	
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., medical attendance .	42 50	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical attendance	13 50	
C. R. Henderson, M. D., medical attendance	1 50	
G. P. Morse, horse . . . . .	65 00	
John W. Robbins, wheelbarrow and seed	28 32	
John E. Herrick, standing grass . . .	18 00	
Frederick Bancroft, standing grass . . .	11 00	
Frank Simpson, standing grass . . . . .	10 00	
Martha Gray, standing grass . . . . .	3 50	
E. S. Harris, standing grass . . . . .	12 00	
A. A. Hooper, standing grass . . . . .	15 00	
E. F. Parker, standing grass . . . . .	1 25	
A. E. Ayer, corn fodder . . . . .	9 27	
Geo. M. Hutchinson, standing corn . . .	20 00	
Mrs. Alice Pierce, hay . . . . .	61 30	
L. F. Hatch, pigs . . . . .	12 00	
Landers Bros., pig . . . . .	6 00	
F. E. Knowlton, pigs . . . . .	9 00	
Elm Stock Farm, pig . . . . .	3 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,465 59	<hr/> \$1,301 19



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,465 59	\$1,301 19
C. W. Cheng, bull . . . . .	17 00	
H. L. Sheldon, cows . . . . .	32 50	
A. P. Needham, cow . . . . .	52 50	
M. H. Naphen, cow . . . . .	26 00	
A. J. Chapman, rent of pasture . . . . .	20 00	
Carried to Poor account . . . . .		2,312 40
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	\$3,613 59	\$3,613 59

## POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

### EXPENDED

Elmira Weston, fuel and supplies . . . . .	\$ 45 50	
Matilda Coulter and family, fuel . . . . .	3 70	
Theresa Froton and family, fuel and groceries . . . . .	131 58	
Jas. S. Wyatt, groceries and provisions . . . . .	37 94	
Gertrude Cederburg and family, medical attendance and supplies . . . . .	260 71	
Julia A. Morton, supplies . . . . .	104 00	
Delia Casey, fuel . . . . .	13 95	
Edith M. Livingston, hospital expense . . . . .	58 45	
Frank C. Gilchrist, hospital expense . . . . .	59 50	
Walter S. DeRonde, hospital expense . . . . .	35 50	
Jane Green, groceries . . . . .	6 50	
Mary Surrette, medical attendance . . . . .	8 00	
W. H. Burnham, medical attendance, 1905 and 1906 . . . . .	21 00	
Mehitable Parker, fuel . . . . .	2 00	
Carried to Poor Account . . . . .	<hr/>	\$788 33

## HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, Harold Southwell, board 1905 and 1906	\$240 48	
Carried to Poor Account . . . . .	<hr/>	\$240 48

## SUMMARY

Appropriation . . . . .		\$3,300 00	
EXPENDED			
Net expenses Town Home . . . . .	\$2,312 40		
Poor out of Town Home . . . . .	788 33		
Hospital Account . . . . .	240 48		
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$41 21	
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	\$3,341 21	\$3,341 21	

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	\$281 93
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## EXPENDED

Annie Melonson and family, fuel and groceries . . . . .	\$40 60	
Amy L. Ballou and family, fuel and supplies . . . . .	135 63	
Bridget Greely and family, fuel and groceries . . . . .	9 70	
Edwin F. Skinner and family, groceries and provisions . . . . .	96 00	
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	\$281 93	\$281 93

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount received from City of Cambridge . . . . .	\$70 90
Amount due from City of Cambridge . . . . .	86 26

## EXPENDED

Charlotte White and family, fuel and groceries . . . . .	\$157 16	
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	\$157 16	\$157 16

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount due from Town of Wilmington		\$174 43
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## EXPENDED

Sarah White and family, fuel and groceries	\$174 43	
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	\$174 43	\$174 43

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF ANDOVER

Amount due from Town of Andover		\$28 38
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## EXPENDED

Horace J. Hatch and family, fuel, groceries and medical attendance . . . .	\$28 38	
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	\$28 38	\$28 38

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORFOLK

Amount due from Town of Norfolk .		\$42 12
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## EXPENDED

Herman Seifert and family, groceries .	\$42 12	
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	\$42 12	\$42 12

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF CANTON

Amount due from Town of Canton .		\$48 00
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## EXPENDED

Raymond and Elsie Hobby, supplies .	\$48 00	
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	\$48 00	\$48 00

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

Amount received from Town of Wake- field . . . . .		\$42 67
Amount refunded on account of error in bill . . . . .		3 84
Amount due from Town of Wakefield		36 87

## EXPENDED

Abbie M. McIntire, provisions and supplies	\$83 38	
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	\$83 38	\$83 38







SEVENTEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1906



## OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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### Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	.	Term expires 1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	.	" " 1909
EARLE H. GOWING,	.	" " 1908

Superintendent and Registrar  
LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station  
FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer  
ALBION G. NICHOLS

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OFFICE OF WATER BOARD  
Room 2, Masonic Block

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### OFFICE HOURS

8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.

Saturday : 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

*To the Citizens of Reading:*

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their seventeenth annual report.

## MAINTENANCE

Received rent . . . . .		\$ 5 50
Received fines and summons . . . . .		12 60
Received electric light refund . . . . .		2 71
Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$1,409 50	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co. . . . .	46 23	
Engineering News Publishing Co. . . . .	5 00	
Charles W. Abbott, P. M., stamps and box rent . . . . .	57 20	
The Mosler Safe Co., safe . . . . .	200 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent . . . . .	132 00	
Municipal Light Board . . . . .	2 71	
J. A. Murphy, repairs on clock . . . . .	1 00	
Francis Bros. . . . .	11 72	
Thorp & Martin Co., stationery . . . . .	18 45	
The Engineering Record . . . . .	3 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	27 25	
G. G. Ledder, level, etc. . . . .	44 05	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . . . . .	1 53	
The Bristol Co., dials . . . . .	1 97	
Frost & Adams Co., paper . . . . .	6 74	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., stamps & badges . . . . .	2 70	
Francis Bartley, brush . . . . .	25	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	40	
Insurance on safe, two years . . . . .	24 00	
N. E. Towel Supply, towels . . . . .	5 40	
American Express Co. . . . .	2 55	
Car fares . . . . .	12 40	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., stationery . . . . .	3 50	
Balance . . . . .		1,998 74
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	\$2,019 55	\$2,019 55

## PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent . . . . .		\$30 00
Received for coal sold School Committee .		151 19
Received for wire . . . . .		22 50
Received for grass . . . . .		5 00
Received for telephones . . . . .		2 90
Received electric light repaid . . . . .		1 39
Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$1,287 80	
Harold L. Bond Co., car and barrow .	56 67	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co. .	38 90	
Chas. A. Clafflin & Co., packing .	16 88	
Municipal Light Board . . . . .	12 25	
J. A. Murphy, repairing clock . .	2 25	
Francis Bros. . . . .	10 27	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil, waste and packing . . . . .	81 32	
F. H. Parker & Son, express and team- ing . . . . .	8 05	
Joseph Breck & Sons Co. . . . .	1 35	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight .	626 69	
Wm. A. Jepson, coal . . . . .	323 52	
Jenkins Bros., discs . . . . .	2 11	
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., pump repairs	5 55	
M. H. O'Brien, labor . . . . .	10 50	
Perrin, Seamans & Co. . . . .	40	
Howard W. Batchelder, gravel .	2 40	
The Hodge Boiler Works, grates, etc.	56 30	
Lamprey Boiler Furnace Mouth Pro- tection Co. . . . .	40 00	
Philadelphia Grease Mfg. Co., grease	4 00	
R. P. Burgess, labor . . . . .	13 00	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., fire brick .	19 65	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . .	2 65	
Insurance . . . . .	62 40	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,684 91</u>	<u>\$212 98</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,684 91	\$212 98
G. H. Atkinson Co., ground bone, etc.	9 60	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., cement .	2 92	
E. C. Metcalf, duster . . . .	2 68	
Town of North Reading, taxes .	1 85	
H. E. Nichols, fertilizer . . . .	3 87	
T. C. Fife, bath tub and setting .	35 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . .	54	
R. & J. Farquhar & Co., shrubs .	2 00	
Car fares . . . . .	1 25	
American Express Co. . . . .	68	
Balance . . . . .		2,532 32
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	\$2,745 30	\$2,745 30

## MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$762 25	
W. B. Fonda, lime . . . . .	56 25	
Harrison Bros. & Co., alum . .	108 75	
Francis Bros. . . . .	1 93	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . .	2 40	
General Chemical Co., alum . .	43 13	
Woburn Machine Co., machine work .	8 33	
The Fairbanks Co., discs . . . .	1 40	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts . . . .	5 92	
Eirmer & Ammend, chemicals . .	3 00	
F. W. Hunt & Co., alcohol . . .	2 70	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., packing, etc.	4 39	
American Express Co. . . . .	40	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 85

## MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$244 59
National Meter Co., repairs . .	128 47
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$373 06

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$373 06	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	2 20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	2 00	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . . .	3 75	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . .	50	
Union Water Meter Co., repairs . . .	8 55	
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairs . . .	10 16	
	<hr/>	\$400 22

## MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$40 31	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves . . .	15 53	
Francis Bros., wicking . . .	05	
Huey Bros., faucet . . .	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$57 64

## MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$44 97	
Francis Bros. . . . .	30	
	<hr/>	\$45 27

## INTEREST

Received interest on deposit . . .	\$ 28 30	
“ hydrant rent . . .	4,950 00	
“ for water for fountains . . .	300 00	
“ for water for street sprinkling . . .	500 00	
“ from receipts for water . . .	2,326 70	
Paid interest on bonds and notes . . .	\$8,105 00	
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	\$8,105 00	\$8,105 00

## MAIN PIPE

Received for pipe sold . . . . .		\$40 43
Paid Harold L. Bond Co., jute packing . . .	\$4 46	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	87 98	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$92 44	\$40 43



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$92 44	\$40 43
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials .	4 95	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., pipe jointer .	4 00	
Lynchburg Foundry Co., pipe .	544 31	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . .	33 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate boxes .	10 20	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gates .	20 70	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . .	1 00	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pig lead	39 84	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools .	4 55	
Pay Roll . . . . .	132 60	
Balance . . . . .		847 16
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	\$887 59	\$887 59

## SERVICE PIPES

Received for pipe laid . . . . .		\$540 49
Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$606 79	
Harold L. Bond Co., dynamite, etc. .	47 06	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe .	364 45	
S. W. Bowker, teaming . . . .	3 00	
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe . .	154 47	
Sumner & Gerald, fittings . .	1 38	
Geo. E. Gilchrist & Co., fittings .	2 70	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight .	3 18	
Francis Bros., fittings . . . .	1 05	
Geo. Adams & Co., repairs on wagon	20 00	
E. M. Dart & Co., S. & W. . .	27 60	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . .	41 50	
T. C. Fife, fittings . . . . .	2 55	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe . .	125 34	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe . . .	95 91	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves .	16 40	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . .	4 20	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,517 58	\$540 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,517 58	\$540 47
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . .	4 25	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe	5 15	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	6 82	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tools . .	2 00	
W. C. Taylor, repairs on harness .	2 30	
Richardson & Clement, die . . .	1 75	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools .	22 65	
Francis Bartley, rubber boots . .	12 00	
Car fares . . . . .	1 75	
American Express Co. . . . .	2 40	
Borthwick Bros., carriage . . .	1 00	
Chandler & Farquhar, drill . . .	92	
Balance . . . . .		1,040 08
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	\$1,580 57	\$1,580 57

## METERS

Paid S. W. Bowker, teaming . . .	\$7 50	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., pipe . .	166 43	
Pay Roll . . . . .	51 25	
Union Water Meter Co., meters .	51 00	
National Meter Co., meters . . .	244 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	3 90	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	1 12	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . . .	75	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . . .	4 29	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber .	3 28	
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter . . . . .	30 00	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings . .	11 02	
Meter Appliance Co., covers . . .	75 00	
J. E. Turner, milling . . . . .	75	
	<hr/>	\$656 79

## EXPERIMENTAL FILTER

Paid Frank Ridlon Co., repairing generator	\$19 60	
Eirmer & Ammend, chemicals . . . . .	2 30	
Pay Roll . . . . .	4 75	
Francis Bros., tin and zinc . . . . .	2 80	
Robert Spurr Weston, engineer . . . . .	122 44	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	45	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . . . . .	79	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber . . . . .	54	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tubing . . . . .	1 80	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	89	
Car fares . . . . .	2 65	
Waters, Govonor Co., pulley . . . . .	60	
E. L. Knott Apparatus Co., evaporating dishes . . . . .	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 61

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1905 . . . . .	\$28 19	
Interest on deposits . . . . .	28 30	
Hydrant rent . . . . .	4,950 00	
Water for drinking fountains . . . . .	300 00	
Water for street sprinkling . . . . .	500 00	
Meter rates . . . . .	11,047 52	
Fines and summons . . . . .	12 60	
Service pipes . . . . .	540 49	
Rent . . . . .	35 50	
Coal, wire, pipe, etc. . . . .	226 12	
Paid interest . . . . .		\$8,105 00
Maintenance . . . . .		2,019 55
Pumping Station Maintenance . . . . .		2,745 30
Filter Maintenance . . . . .		1,000 85
Meter Maintenance . . . . .		400 22
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$17,668 72	\$14,270 92

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$17,668 72	\$14,270 92
Service Pipe Maintenance . . . . .		57 64
Main Pipe Maintenance . . . . .		45 27
Experimental Filter . . . . .		160 61
Main Pipe . . . . .		887 59
Service Pipe . . . . .		1,580 57
Meters . . . . .		656 79
Cash on hand . . . . .		9 33
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	\$17,668 72	\$17,668 72

## SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year . . . . .	\$297,486 58
Main Pipe . . . . .	847 16
Service Pipe . . . . .	1,040 08
Meters . . . . .	656 79
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	\$300,030 61

The Board recommends that \$4,950.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for water for drinking fountains; and that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for water for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to \$7,825.00, as follows:

\$184,000 00 for one year . . . . .	\$7,360 00
7,000 00 for six months . . . . .	140 00
10,000 00 for one year . . . . .	325 00
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	\$7,825 00

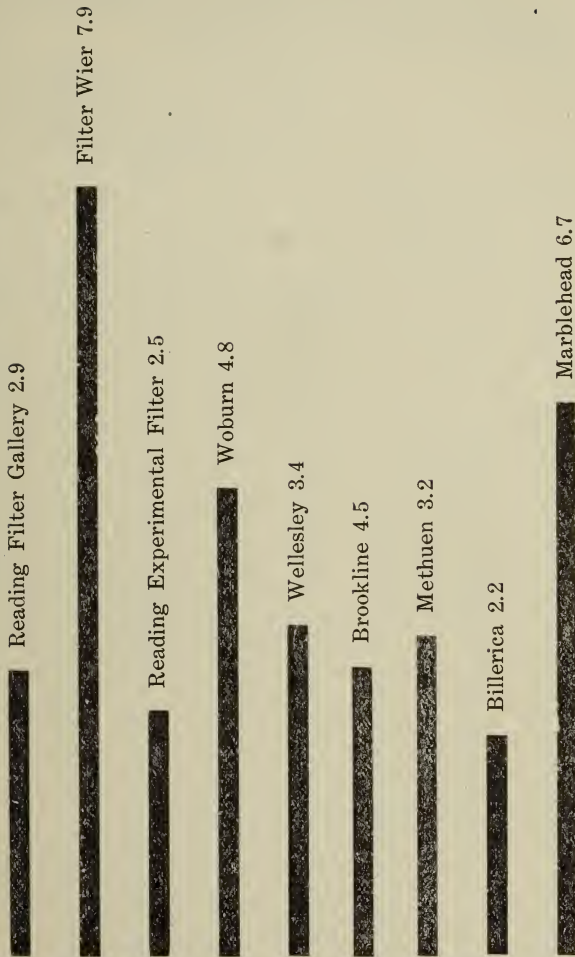
It is well known that the Water Board have been seeking for several years for some better method of treating the water as it comes from the gallery than the one now in use, the object being to furnish water of a better quality, particularly regarding hardness, and to reduce the cost of treatment, if possible.

The Board have experimented with various reagents for throwing down the iron contained in the raw water and the various kinds of filters and apparatus for aereating, etc., etc.

The quality of the raw water from the gallery changes from time to time during the year, at some times the iron being thrown down quite readily and at other times only with great difficulty, so that many of the methods tried, while promising good results at first, were found utterly inadequate to accomplish what was desired during some unfavorable season. In these experiments we have had the cordial assistance of the engineers of the State Board of Health and Mr. Weston, who has been directing our work for some time past. About a year ago he asked us to try what we call the "clay treatment," substituting clay for lime to act on the vegetable matter in the water and to throw down the iron. We submit with this report, Mr. Weston's report to us, which we think, explains itself.

We believe that the expense necessary to install modern filters would be a desirable investment for the Town and we know that with a new plant we could furnish the Town of Reading with as good water as any in the state. It would be absolutely pure as far as any pathogenic germs are concerned, colorless, tasteless, and what is of considerable importance, a soft water for washing, cooking and drinking. We give below a diagram comparing the hardness of the water which has been furnished and the water which we can furnish if new filters were put in so as to enable us to get all the benefits due to the new treatment.

## \* DIAGRAM



\* This diagram is made up of lines showing the hardness (average during the year ending April 1st, 1906); average hardness of gallery water during the same period; average hardness of water from experimental filter since April 1st, 1906; and hardness of waters from some of the surrounding towns using ground water.

We recommend that the Town authorize the Water Board to take the steps necessary to obtain proper authority from the Legislature, and to obtain detailed drawings and estimates of cost on the work to be done, and report as soon as feasible.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,  
GEO. A. SHACKFORD,  
E. H. GOWING,

Water Commissioners.



## REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered in 1906	. \$11,270 52	
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer . . . . .	\$10,915 31	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	301 85	
Amount abated . . . . .	52 69	
Amount of overcharge repaid . . . . .	67	
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	\$11,270 52	\$11,270 52
Amount of 1905 bills uncollected . . .	\$184 33	
Amount of abated bill recharged . . .	6 29	
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer . . . . .	\$132 21	
Amount abated . . . . .	53 00	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	5 41	
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	\$190 62	\$190 62
Amount of 1904 bills uncollected . . .	\$7 62	
Amount abated . . . . .		\$7 62
Service pipe bills rendered in 1906 . . .	\$569 38	
Service pipe bills previous years . . .	117 87	
Amount collected and paid to Edward F.		
Parker, Treasurer . . . . .	\$540 49	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	146 76	
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	\$687 25	\$687 25

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Registrar.

Reading, Jan. 31, 1907.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*Reading Water Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN: The seventeenth annual report of the Superintendent is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1906.

The extension of mains has been six hundred and seventy-five feet of six inch pipe on John street between Haven and Green streets. Two gates were set in this pipe.

There have been no leaks in the main pipe during the year.

The following table shows quantity and size of pipe, size and number of gates and number of hydrants in the whole system.

LOCATION	LENGTH OF PIPE					NO. OF GATES					NO. OF HYDTS.
	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	
Arlington St.....				613					2		
Ash St.....				4128					5		3
Auburn St.....	223		960			1		1	1		2
Avon St.....				803					1	1	
Bancroft Ave.....			713	1579				1	4		1
Beacon St.....	269										
Belmont St.....				715					2		
Berkley St.....				871					2		1
Brook St.....				307					1		1
Centre Ave.....				615					1		1
Charles St.....				52					1		
Chute St.....				935					4		
Cross St.....									1		
Deering St.....				943					2		1
Eaton St.....				1528					2		2
Federal St.....				1252					2		1
Franklin St.....			10237	52				7			7
Fremont St.....				453					1		1
Forest St.....				58					1		
Gould St.....				621					2		
Grand St.....				815					1		1
Green St.....				3409					8		2
Grove St.....			4099					4			3
Hancock St.....				769					1		1
Hartshorn St.....				337					1		
Haven St.....			1540	276				4	2	1	5
Haverhill St.....			2951	2092				2	2		6
High St.....			3728	700				4	2		4
Highland St.....				1365					2		2
Highland Ave.....				531					1		
Hopkins St.....				1747					2		
Howard St.....				1005					2		1
John St.....				2153					6		2
King St.....				1593					3		1
Linden St.....				1593					4		1
Locust St.....	417			1140		2			2		
Lowell St.....			2885	2525				6	1		6
Main St.....	13784		1292	5665		10		5	17	5	22
Manning St.....				500					1		
Maple St.....				255					1	1	1
Middlesex Ave.....				2197					5		1
Middlesex Ave. Ext..				632					1		1
Mineral St.....			1745					4		1	3
Minot St.....				1583					3		3
Mill St.....	850					1			1		1
Mt. Vernon St.....				1530					2		1
Oak St.....				1430					1		1
Orange St.....				970					1		1
Parker St.....			399					1			
Park Ave.....				435					1		1
Pearl St.....				3505					3		5
Pierce St.....				667					2		1
Pleasant St.....			257	1037				1	3		1
Pratt St.....				329					1		
Prescott St.....			842	1626				2	2	1	4
Prospect St.....				2086					3		3
Prospect St. Ext.....				334							1
Salem St.....			1299	3660				3	5	1	6
Sanborn St.....				1160					4		
Scotland Road.....				635					2		1
South St.....				436					1		
Spring St.....				576					2		
Summer Ave.....			2473	5502				4	7		10
Sweetser Ave.....				300					1		
Temple St.....				1426					2		1
Union St.....				693					2		
Vine St.....					532					2	
Village St.....				771					1		1
Walnut St.....				2719					3		4
Wakefield St.....				3597					4		2
Warren Ave.....				622					1		1
Washington St.....			535	1630	100			2	4	1	2
West St.....				8418					5		10
Willow St.....				747					1		1
Wilson St.....					265					1	
Winter St.....				743					2		1
Winthrop Ave.....				438							
Woburn St.....		1426		1319			7		2	2	10
Railroad Land.....				150							
Reading Rubber Co.....			807	1806				2			7
O. P. Symonds & Sons.....				571					1		1
	15543	1426	37762	100280	897	14	7	53	173	17	165

There have been forty-one services put in during the year, making twelve hundred and forty-six in the system. One service leak has been repaired. This leak was caused by electrolytic action on a pipe passing under the electric railroad track on Woburn street near West.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use :

	6 inch Cast Iron	1½ inch Galvanized	1½ inch Enamelled	1½ inch Galvanized	1 inch Galvanized	1½ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Lead Lined	¾ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Cement Lined	¾ inch Cement Lined	2 inch Galvanized	¾ inch Galvanized
Owned by the town		452	33.7	14030.3	181.7	30.8	887.2	21496.6	367.1	9919.9	1688.3	1463.4
Owned by individuals	814	47	123	1324.2	754.6	89.4	73	22657.4	78	12497.2	314.6	1693.8
Total	814	499	156.7	15354.5	936.3	120.2	960.2	44154.0	445.1	22417.1	2002.9	3157.2

The stand pipe should be painted before another winter.

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use :

No.	NAME	SIZES				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
81	Crown .....	2	.....	2	1	76
624	Nash .....	.....	2	5	.....	617
201	Empire .....	1	.....	.....	.....	200
1	Gem .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Lambert .....	.....	.....	2	.....	38
12	Thompson .....	1	.....	1	.....	10
7	Worthington Disc .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
116	Hersey Disc .....	2	4	6	.....	104
2	Neptune .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
11	Union Rotary .....	3	1	3	.....	4
6	King .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
27	Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
1	Niagara .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Keystone .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
1130		11	7	19	1	1092

## YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1906, TO JAN. 1, 1907.

MONTH	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain Fall
January . . .	31	133		4,013,371	219	39,177	2.60
February . . .	28	123	45	3,712,247		38,181	2.53
March . . .	31	137	45	4,160,612		43,579	6.48
April . . .	30	153	30	3,952,969		38,678	2.84
May . . .	31	150	45	4,631,138		40,653	5.14
June . . .	30	153		4,849,487		35,339	2.63
July . . .	31	152	45	4,859,029		36,188	5.88
August . . .	31	159		5,051,975		38,738	4.18
September . . .	30	152	30	5,041,170		39,929	1.36
October . . .	31	131	30	4,484,375		36,078	2.38
November . . .	30	134	30	4,229,900		34,894	3.31
December . . .	31	140	30	4,564,830		41,642	3.08
	365	1772		53,551,083		463,076	42.41

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906:

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
... 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.17	.80	...	...	...	...	... 1
... 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	.12	...	...	...	.14	...	... 2
... 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	.09	...	...	...	...	...	... 3
... 4	1.01	...	2.10	...	...	...	.45	.18	...	...	...	.08	... 4
... 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	.23	...	...	...	...	...	... 5
... 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	.15	...	...	...	...	.62	... 6
... 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	.25	.10	...	.11	...	.07	... 7
... 8	...	...	.07	...	1.09	.11	.05	.35	...	...	...	...	... 8
... 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 9
... 10	...	1.15	.96	2.10	...	...	...	.02	...	1.24	...	...	... 10
... 11	...	...	...	...	...	.36	.50	...	...	...	...	1.18	... 11
... 12	.19	...	.24	...	...	...	.07	...	...	...	1.39	...	... 12
... 13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.03	...	... 13
... 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 14
... 15	...	.38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.18	... 15
... 16	.90	...	1.03	.55	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.29	...	... 16
... 17	...	...	...	...	.41	1.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 17
... 18	...	...	...	...	.06	.06	.34	...	...	...	...	...	... 18
... 19	...	...	...	...	...	.14	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 19
... 20	...	...	1.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 20
... 21	.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	.96	.33	.39	...	.53	... 21
... 22	...	.68	...	.05	...	...	1.13	.08	...	...	.15	...	... 22
... 23	...	...	...	.14	...	...	.05	...	.47	...	...	...	... 23
... 24	.38	...	...	...	...	.23	.20	.79	...	...	...	.35	... 24
... 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.36	...	...	... 25
... 26	...	.32	...	...	.42	...	...	...	...	...	...	.07	... 26
... 27	.05	...	.09	...	...	...	.08	...	...	...	.21	...	... 27
... 28	...	...	...	...	1.86	...	...	.90	.14	...	...	...	... 28
... 29	...	...	...	...	1.30	...	.03	...	...	...	...	...	... 29
... 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	.57	...	.42	...	.10	...	... 30
... 31	...	...	.58	...	...	...	...	...	...	.28	...	...	... 31
	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	

The average rainfall for Massachusetts is 45.34 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station was 42.41 inches, making a deficiency of 2.93 inches. There was an excess of rainfall in March, May and July, and a deficiency during the remaining nine months. The greatest excess in any one month occurred in March when the rainfall was 6.48 inches. The greatest deficiency occurred in September when the rainfall was 1.36 inches.



# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM READING WATER WORKS

PARTS IN 100,000

No.	DATE OF		APPEARANCE			ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		Oxygen Consumed	Hardness	Iron
	Collec- tion	Exami- nation	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Odor			Free	Albu- mi- noid		Ni- tra- tes	Ni- trates			
						Cold	Hot									
58997	1906	1906														
Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Slight	Cons.	Fil.	.48	None	None	9.60	.0112	.0096	.62	.0050	.0001	.39	2.6	.3000
Jan. 23	Jan. 24	None	None		.20	None	None	15.10	.0080	.0074	.63	.0050	.0008	.24	8.8	.0080
Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Slight	None	Fil.	.23	None	Faintly Un.	9.00	.0006	.0000	.62	.0060	.0001	.18	2.6	.0060
Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Slight iron	Slight iron	Fil.	.45	None	Faintly Un.	9.10	.0110	.0088	.63	.0050	.0000	.35	3.3	.2700
Feb. 23	Feb. 23	Very slight	None		.21	None	None	6.20	.0022	.0068	.66	.0060	.0000	.19	2.3	.0030
Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Slight	Cons.	Fil.	.33	None	Faintly Un.	8.70	.0100	.0098	.60	.0070	.0002	.40	2.7	.2900
Feb. 28	Feb. 28	None	None		.18	None	None	12.70	.0086	.0108	.62	.0040	.0002	.25	5.3	.0180
Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Slight	Cons.	Trbid	.60	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	7.80	.0082	.0096	.57	.0030	.0000	.32	3.1	.2560
Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Very slight	None	Trbid	.26	None	None	12.60	.0078	.0075	.58	.0030	.0003	.21	6.1	.0630
Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Very slight	None		.34	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	7.00	.0098	.0062	.57	.0020	.0000	.10	2.7	.0190
Apr. 10	Apr. 10	Slight	Cons. floccul't	Fil.	.21	None	None	11.90	.0070	.0106	.55	.0030	.0003	.25	7.0	.1900
Apr. 10	Apr. 10	None	None		.45	None	None	13.50	.0062	.0074	.55	.0040	.0003	.31	6.7	.0250
Apr. 21	Apr. 21	Very slight	Very slight	Fil.	.10	None	Very F. U.	8.10	.0078	.0110	.56	.0030	.0000	.30	1.8	.1440
May 15	May 15	Slight	Cons.		.08	None	None	14.20	.0038	.0066	.56	.0050	.0001	.18	7.6	.0030
May 15	May 15	None	Very slight		.02	None	None	8.10	.0032	.0072	.55	.0050	.0000	.17	2.6	.0030
May 15	May 15	None	None		.06	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	7.60	.0102	.0154	.54	.0030	.0001	.63	1.7	.2800
June 14	June 15	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	.14	None	None	13.90	.0074	.0114	.57	.0030	.0003	.29	7.8	.0200
June 14	June 15	Slight	Slight		.88	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	7.70	.0112	.0154	.55	.0040	.0000	.90	2.5	.2400
July 10	July 10	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Trbid	.17	None	None	13.90	.0050	.0086	.54	.0040	.0001	.26	8.0	.0140
July 10	July 10	Slight	Slight		.78	None	None	8.00	.0108	.0150	.57	.0050	.0000	.70	2.3	.2100
Aug. 7	Aug. 7	Slight	Slight		.10	None	None	13.90	.0068	.0076	.57	.0020	.0003	.34	7.9	.0430
Aug. 7	Aug. 7	Very slight	None		.05	None	None	8.50	.0004	.0060	.55	.0030	.0000	.17	3.0	.0220
Aug. 7	Aug. 7	Slight	Cons.	Fil.	.45	V. F. Earthy	F. Earthy	7.00	.0120	.0103	.65	.0020	.0002	.42	2.6	.2400
Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Decided	Slight		.27	None	None	8.50	.0090	.0064	.64	.0020	.0002	.12	4.4	.0600
Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Very slight	None		.01	Very F. U.	Faintly Un.	7.60	.0006	.0050	.58	.0050	.0002	.05	3.4	.0180
Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	.42	None	Very F. U.	10.80	.0112	.0108	.68	.0020	.0001	.37	2.5	.2400
Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Slight milky	Very slight		.07	None	None	10.80	.0084	.0076	.67	.0020	.0000	.10	4.4	.0430
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Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Decided	Cons.	Fil.	.47	None	None	8.90	.0102	.0083	.73	.0040	.0001	.42	2.7	.2500
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## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1906

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

## READING WATER WORKS

READING, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1905, 5,682.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

## PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co.
2. Description of fuel used
 

{	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kind, coal.</li> <li>b. Brand of coal, Carbon Forge.</li> <li>c. Average price of coal per gross ton delivered, \$5.70.</li> <li>d. Percentage of ash,</li> <li>e. Wood, price per cord, \$</li> </ol>
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3. Coal consumed for the year, 463,076.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by three equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.
- 4a. Amount of other fuel used,
5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.
6. Total pumpage for the year, 53,551,083 gallons, with allowance for slip.

7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5),  
115.5.
10. Duty equals  $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$   
equals 23,125,329.  
*Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz.,*  
\$2,532.32.
11. Per million gallons pumped, \$47.26.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), \$0.196.

# FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES.	
<i>Balance brought forward:</i>		<i>Water Works Maintenance:</i>	
(a)	From ordinary (maintenance) receipts . . . . .	AA. Operation (management and repairs) . . . . .	\$6,268 83
		CC. Total maintenance . . . . .	\$6,268 83
		DD. Interest on bonds . . . . .	8,105 00
Total	. . . . .	CC plus DD . . . . .	14,373 83
<i>From Water Rates:</i>		<i>Water Works Construction:</i>	
B.	Meter rates . . . . .	GG. Extension of mains . . . . .	887 59
C.	Total from consumers . . . . .	HH. Extension of services . . . . .	1,580 57
D.	For hydrants . . . . .	II. Extension of meters . . . . .	656 79
E.	For fountains . . . . .	JJ. Special:	
F.	For street watering . . . . .	Experimental filter . . . . .	160 61
J.	Total from municipal depts. . . . .	KK. Total construction . . . . .	3,285 56
M.	From other sources:	MM. Balance:	
	Rents, interest, etc. . . . .	(aa) Ordinary . . . . .	9 33
	Service and main pipes . . . . .	Total balance . . . . .	9 33
N.	Total . . . . .	N. Total . . . . .	\$17,668 72

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE—CARRIED TO NEW ACCOUNT

O.	Net cost of works to date	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
P.	Bonded debt at date.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Q.	Value of sinking fund at date, none	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
R.	Average rate of interest, 4 per cent.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

## STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5725.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 5625.
3. Estimated population supplied, 5125.
4. Total consumption for the year, 53,551,083 gallons.
5. Passed through meters,                      gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered,
7. Average daily consumption, 146,715 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 25.6.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 28.6.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 117.8.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), \$117.93.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, \$270.40.

## STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

## MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 to 12 inch.
3. Extended 674.6 feet during the year.
4. Discontinued 0 feet during the year.
5. Total now in use, 29.528 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, \$1.53.
7. Number of leaks per mile, 0.
8. Length of pipes less than 4 inches diam., none miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private) 0.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 165.
11. Number of stop gates added during year, 2.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 265.
13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.

14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

## SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, lead and cement lined.
17. Sizes, 3-4 to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 4423.1 feet.
19. Discontinued, 87.4 feet.
20. Total now in use, 17.0742 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 41.
22. Number now in use, 1246.
23. Average length of service, 107.88 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, \$38.55.
25. Number of meters added, 46.
26. Number now in use, 1130.
27. Percentage of services metered, .906.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C),
29. Number of motors and elevators added, none.
30. Number now in use, 4.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Superintendent.

Reading, Jan. 31, 1907.

# REPORT OF ROBERT SPURR WESTON, SANITARY EXPERT

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JANUARY 10, 1907.

*To the Water Board, Town of Reading, Mass.*

SIRS:—In reply to your request for a brief report upon the proposed improvements to your water purification plant, I would present the following:

In the report made by the writer a year ago it was stated that iron could be removed from the filter gallery water in a fairly satisfactory manner and without increasing the hardness of the water, by the so-called electrolytic-iron process in connection with slow sand filters. Further experiments have shown, however, that this process is too expensive to make its adoption worth while.

## EXPERIMENTS WITH CLAY TREATMENT

It occurred to the writer that whereas clay is used in the arts to absorb vegetable coloring matter, and the clay in the waters of muddy rivers absorbs the vegetable coloring matter from the waters of some of their tributaries, therefore, clay added to the raw water might absorb the vegetable matter and make it possible to remove the iron from it subsequently by filtration at a considerable saving of cost, as compared with the lime and alum treatment which has been used for the past few years. If successful, this process would, in place of lime, employ clay, an insoluble, inert and inexpensive substance, the use of which would in no way increase the hardness of water.

## EXPERIENCE WITH CLAY IN THE TOWN SUPPLY

The clay process was used first on April 19, 1906, with such good success that it has been used ever since for the supply of the



town, with gratifying results. Even with the present old style filters, which are not designed for the treatment of waters containing clay, the process is an improvement over the lime process and it has effected a saving of sulphate of alumina and has reduced the hardness of the water supplied the town, but owing to the defective filter it has not been possible to remove the last traces of turbidity from the water.

The present filters are the so-called Warren filters, and were as good as any on the market when purchased twelve years ago. Since then many improvements have been made in water filters of this type. For example, in the present plant nearly 20 per cent. of the water treated is required to wash the sand in the filters and then run to waste. A modern plant should not use over 4 per cent., or about one-fifth of that which is now wasted. Furthermore, considerable power is required to operate the rakes used for stirring the sand in these Warren filters during washing, while in modern filters the same effect is accomplished with currents of wash water.

#### COMPARISON OF CLAY WITH LIME TREATMENT

The clay treatment affects the character of the water as it goes to the filters in a marked degree, since water treated with clay requires the use of finer sand in the filters than that treated with lime.

#### FILTER SAND

The present filters contain coarse sand of an effective size of about 0.80 mm., and are so designed that the use of fine sand in them is wholly impracticable. Sand having an effective size of about 0.40 mm. should be used in connection with this process.

#### THE COAGULATING BASINS

The present mixing and coagulating basins hold about 60,000 gallons, or about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours flow when the pumps are operating at their most economical rate. With filters having sand of suitable size, probably these basins would be large enough for some time to come, but they are not large enough to use with the present coarse sand filters. To clarify water by coagulation with clay and sulphate of alumina, followed by filtration, either the coagulating basin must

be large enough to precipitate most of the clay before the water is applied to the filter, or the sand in the filter must be fine enough to strain out the clay when it reaches the filter.

#### ACCUMULATION OF LIME IN OLD FILTERS

When the clay treated water was applied to your experimental filter the effluent showed no increase in hardness, but the effluent from the Warren filters in use is still about twice as hard as the raw water, although the hardness has decreased noticeably since summer. This is accounted for by the accumulation of lime (calcium carbonate) in the filters, especially around the sand grains, resulting from the many years' use with lime. With new filters using clean sand there will be no increase in hardness.

#### EFFECT OF WASHING

The design of the present filter is such that there are places in the sand much more open and porous than others with the result that at times, more particularly just after washing, some water gets through these open or porous places without being properly filtered, resulting in turbidity in the effluent.

#### ALTERATIONS RECOMMENDED

The writer would recommend the construction of new concrete filters of modern type, as illustrated by the accompanying sketches. To do this it would be necessary to do away with the present clear water basin and in its place use the basin under the present filters, and ultimately to do away with the six filters now in use. It will be necessary to operate the present plant during the construction of the new one, without interfering with the purification of the water.

No changes are recommended in the devices for adding the coagulant or in the coagulating basin for the present.

#### SIZE OF PLANT

The normal capacity of the present filter plant is approximately 40,000 gallons per hour, and it would seem best to construct three filters, of equal area, two of which will have a capacity of 40,000 gallons, so that there may be no diminution in flow when one is being washed or out of commission for any reason.

## DESCRIPTION OF FILTERS

The three filters could be arranged on the north side of the present filter house and would occupy the space now used for the clear water basin and filters 1, 2 and 3. The filtered water would discharge through controllers directly into the basin beneath. Each filter would be 17 feet long by 10 feet 8 inches wide, and would therefore have an area of 181 square feet. A branch from the present outlet pipe would lead to each filter. Wash water would be pumped from the filtered water basin by means of an ejector actuated by water from the standpipe—that is, a mixture of water from the basin and water from the standpipe would be forced into the filters for washing. The waste wash water would be discharged into the same pipe as that used by the present filters.

The writer would recommend the same strainer system for the filters as that in use in Paris, Ky., and Exeter, N. H. This consists of concrete channels covered with concrete slabs, the latter carrying perforated brass strainers. The strainers should be covered with graded gravel to a depth of about a foot, and three feet of sand having an effective size of about 0.40 mm. should be placed above the gravel.

The water level on the filters would be about four feet above the sand, or the same as the water level in the present basin and filters.

## METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

The main difficulty is the construction of the new filters while keeping up the supply of filtered water to the Town and this will considerably increase the expense.

The following steps would be necessary :

FIRST. Water-proof the basin beneath the present filters and get it ready for use as a clear water basin.

SECOND. Discharge the effluent from the present filters into this basin and connect with the suction of the high left pumps.

THIRD. Remove the present clear water basin and replace three of the present filters with the three concrete filters described above.

## FINANCIAL

## COST OF IMPROVEMENTS

It is extremely difficult to make accurate estimates of the cost of improvements based upon other plants, because of the intermittent nature of the construction. The space for working is cramped, and materials—especially concrete—must be placed in the work in small quantities. Bearing these difficulties in mind, the writer would estimate the cost of improvements as follows:

Water-proofing new clear water basin . . . . .	\$2,950 00
Changes in suction piping . . . . .	300 00
Three filters complete, including sand . . . . .	8,275 00
Allowance for temporary piping . . . . .	250 00
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	\$11,775 00
Special contingencies . . . . .	1,000 00
Engineering, 10 per cent. . . . .	1,177 00
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Say . . . . .	\$14,000 00

## FACTORS AFFECTING THE COST OF OPERATION

## VALUE OF SOFT WATER

Mr. George W. Whipple estimates the depreciation in the value of the water due to hardness by a carefully devised formula based upon observation and experiment. With the clay treatment water can be supplied having a hardness not exceeding 2.7 parts per 100,000 as against 8.7 parts using lime. According to Whipple's formula the difference in value between these two waters would be \$5.40 a million gallons, which is the saving affected by a filter plant designed to operate without lime and obviates the increasing hardness due to its use. Assuming a yearly consumption of 60,000,000 gallons, the annual saving due to the use of soft water over the hard would be \$325, without taking into consideration the fact that it is much more acceptable to the consumer.

## SAVING IN WASH WATER

Properly designed filters should effect a saving of 15 per cent. of the water used for washing over that used by the present plant. This would amount to \$3.75 per million gallons, assuming the cost of treating the water to be \$25 per million gallons or \$225 per year.

## SAVING IN COAGULANT

The clay treatment would require much less sulphate of alumina. This reduction may be estimated to be 1.5 grains per gallon, equivalent to a cost of \$2.85 a million gallons or \$171 per year.

## SAVING IN LIME

The average expenditure for lime during the last few years has been practically \$125 a year, equivalent to \$2.08 a million gallons.

## INTEREST AND DEPRECIATION

Allowing 6 per cent. for interest and depreciation, the fixed charges per million gallons would be \$14.

## COST OF CLAY

Assuming the cost of clay to be \$4.00 per ton, the cost per million gallons would be \$0.25.

The savings due to the use of the clay treatment at least balances the cost of investment and makes the required expenditure a judicious one and to the advantage of the Town of Reading.

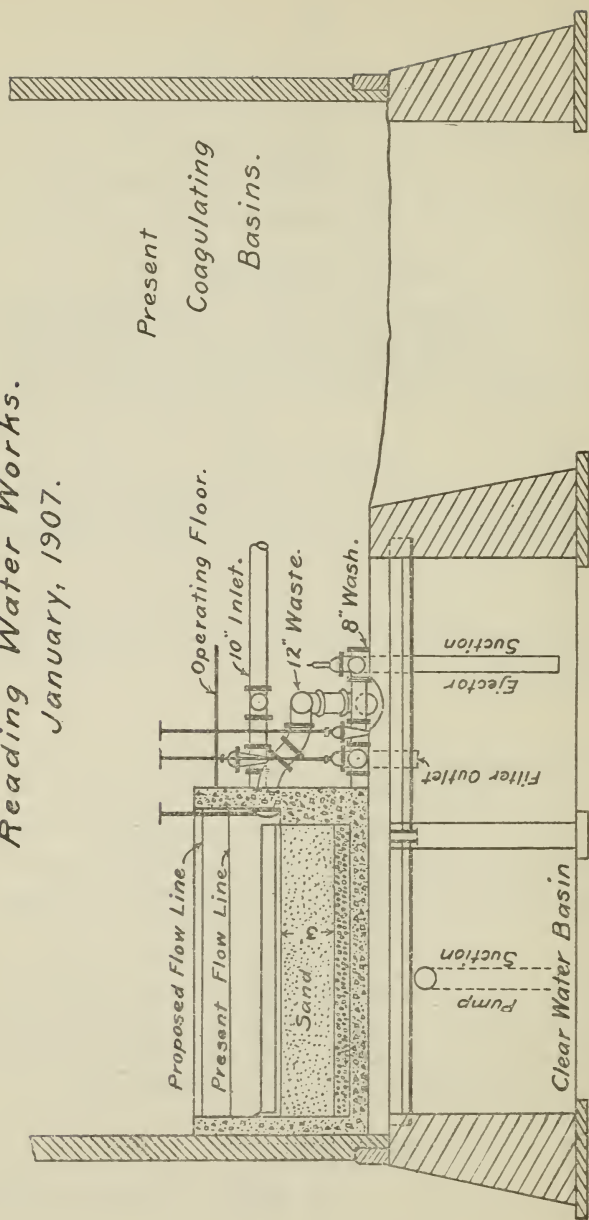
## TIME FOR BEGINNING WORK

Not only would I recommend that the above work be carried out, but that it be done as soon as possible, so that the new plant may be ready for the water of the dry summer season, which cannot be satisfactorily clarified by means of the present plant.

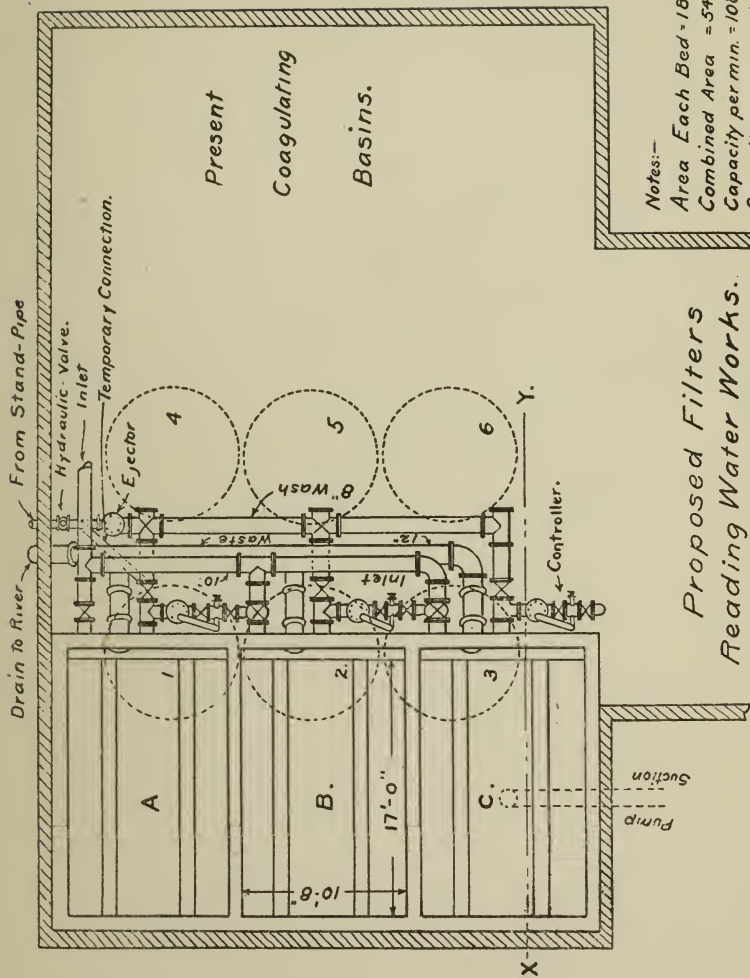
Respectfully presented,

ROBERT SPURR WESTON.

*Proposed Filters  
Reading Water Works.  
January, 1907.*







Notes:-  
 Area Each Bed = 181 Sq. Ft.  
 Combined Area = 544 Sq. Ft.  
 Capacity per min. = 1088 Gal.  
 Capacity per 24 hrs. =  $1\frac{1}{2}$  M Gal.

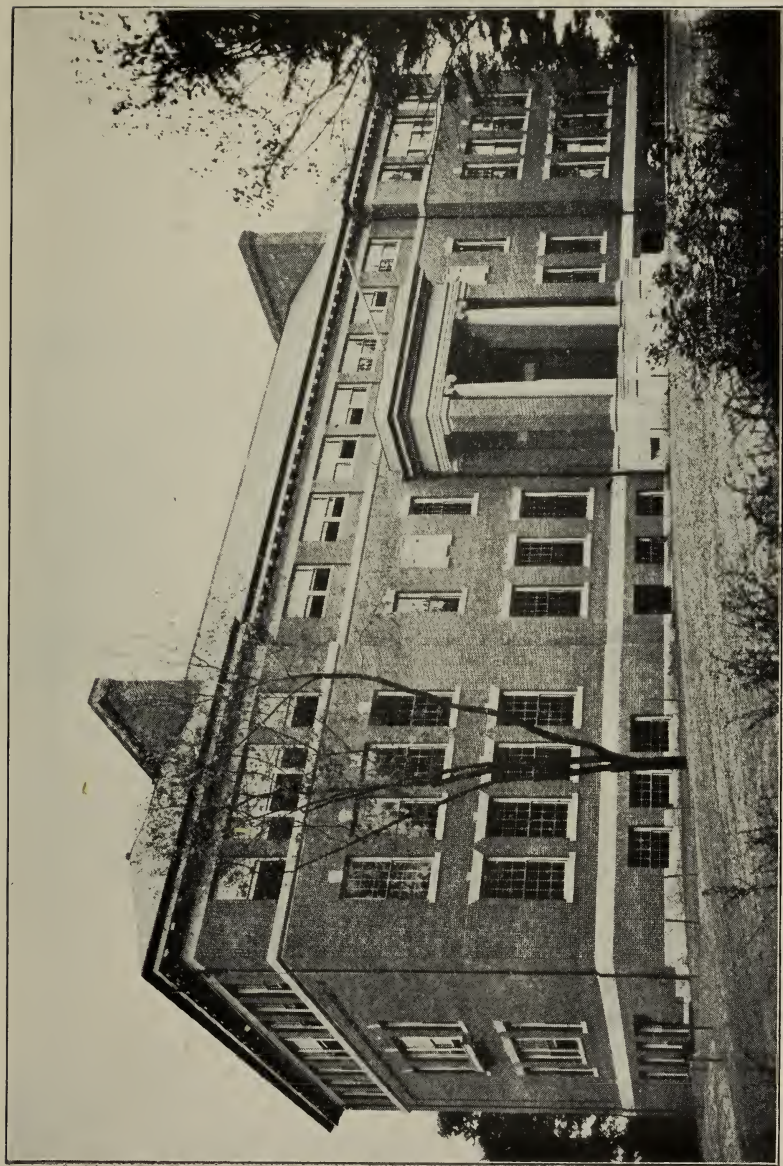
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THE HIGH SCHOOL.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF READING  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1906

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School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> , Walnut St.,	Term expires	1908
*GILMAN L. PARKER, Washington St.,	" "	1909
*HORACE G. WADLIN, Woburn St.,	" "	1908
J. H. ROBINSON, High St.,	" "	1909
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	" "	1907
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	" "	1907

Superintendent of Schools and Sec'y of School Committee  
MELVILLE A. STONE

Truant Officer  
A. A. SMITH

\*Resignation received by School Committee Feb. 8, 1907





## ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

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WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*

MELVILLE A. STONE, *Secretary*

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### SUB-COMMITTEES

#### *Finances and Accounts*

G. L. Parker

J. H. Robinson

#### *Books and Supplies*

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

#### *School Houses and Property*

H. G. Wadlin

J. H. Robinson

G. L. Parker

#### *Rules and Regulations*

H. C. Parker

H. G. Wadlin

J. H. Robinson

#### *Teachers and Salaries*

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker

#### *Music and Drawing*

H. C. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

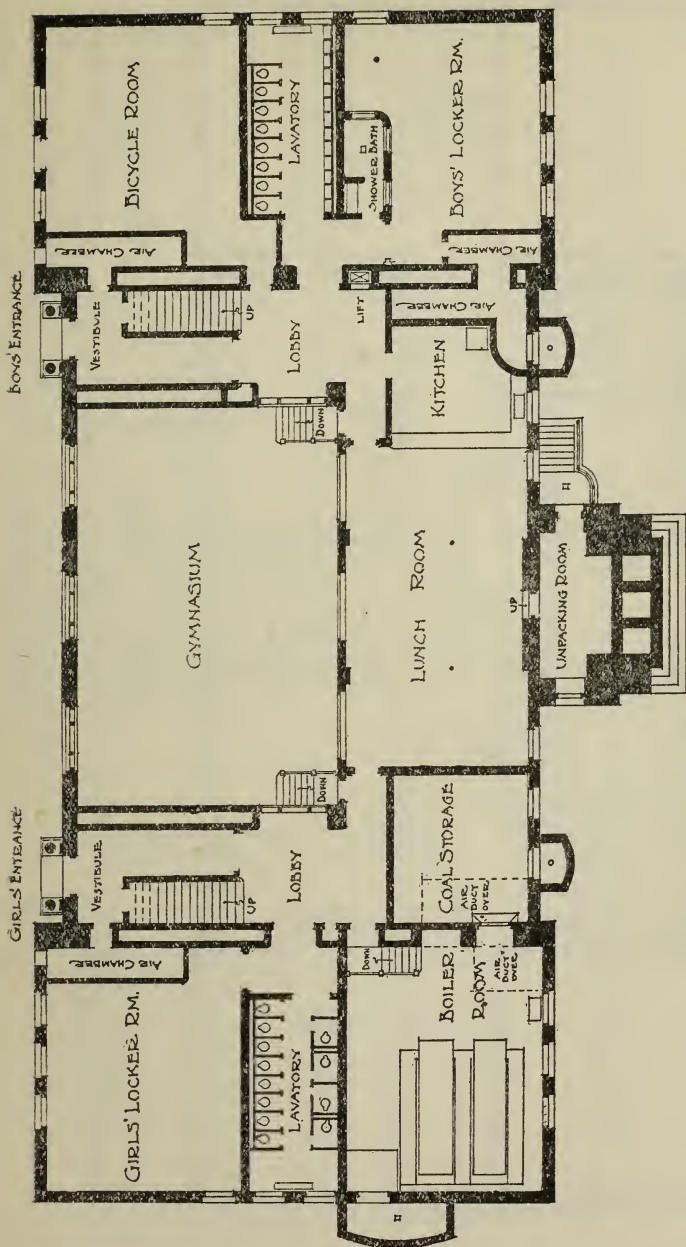
#### *Course of Study*

H. G. Wadlin

W. S. Parker

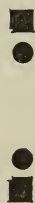
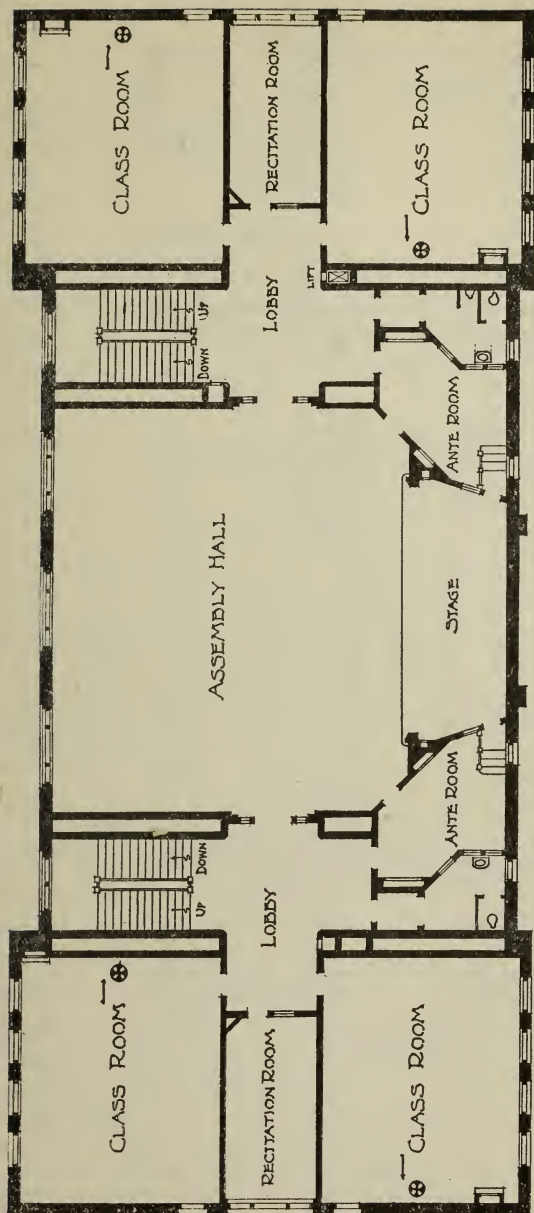
Mrs. Nesmith



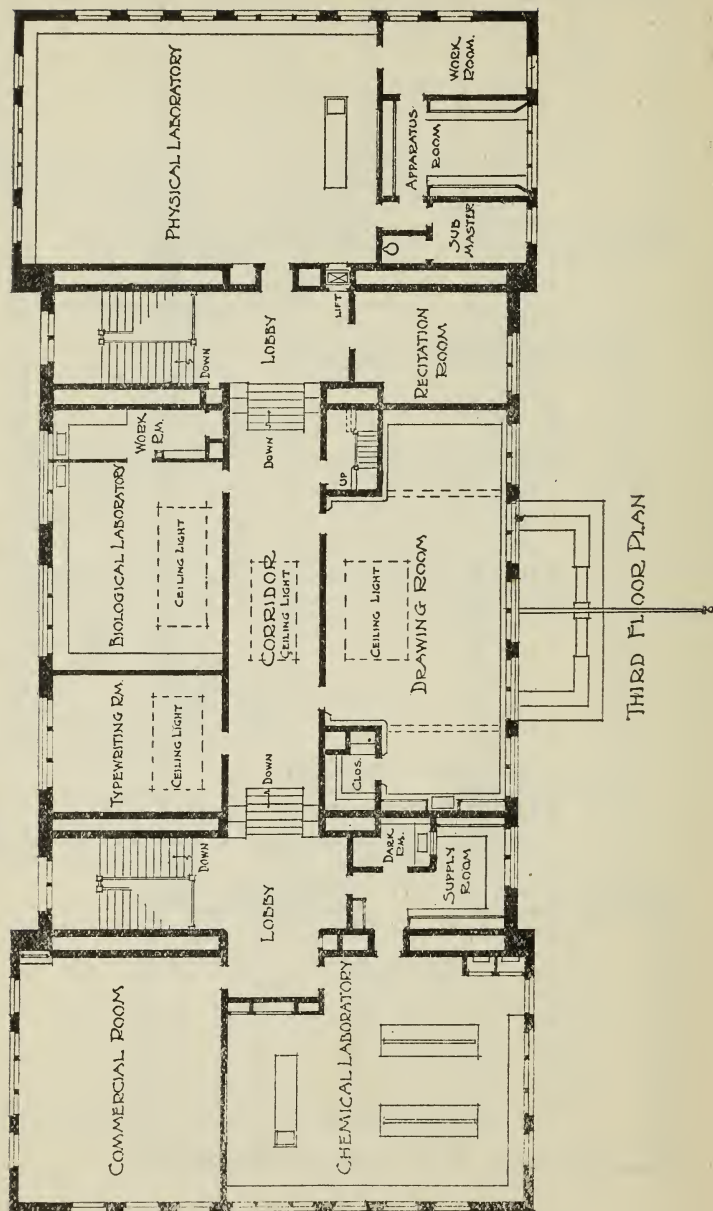


BASEMENT PLAN





SECOND FLOOR PLAN





## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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The first definite movement toward the erection of a new High School building was begun March 7th, 1904, when the Town voted to accept the generous offer of Miss Adelaide Sheak, and authorized the purchase of her property upon Linden and Sanborn streets for the sum of \$8,000.

A special meeting of the Town held January 30th, 1905, appointed a committee consisting of the School Committee with Henry R. Johnson, Charles A. Loring and Albert J. Francis, and authorized it to procure plans and estimates for a new High School building, appropriating the sum of \$1,500 to defray the expense. It was the expressed desire of the meeting that plans should be solicited from Willard P. Adden and Winthrop D. Parker, architects, and residents of our Town, and if they should present plans meeting the requirements of the Committee that they be selected as architects for the building; otherwise competitive plans should be secured.

The Committee immediately communicated with Messrs. Adden & Parker, satisfactory arrangements were made for preliminary sketches and estimates, a schedule of requirements was formulated, and the architects began their problem of designing a building to meet the requirements of a modern high school, moderate in cost but such as should be an honor and credit to the Town. And here the members of the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the personal interest, the zeal, and the patience with which the architects wrought to a final solution their problem, receiving with never failing courtesy and adopting many suggestions made by the Superintendent, the teachers and the members of the Building Committee. We congratulate them upon the result of their work. The building will long remain a conspicuous mark of their skill as



architects and of the liberality of the citizens of Reading in providing for the education of its inhabitants.

While the preliminary plans were being made, the Committee visited many of the recently constructed high school buildings, carefully studying them, receiving many valuable suggestions from the experience of others.

The report of the Committee was presented to the Town at a special town meeting held June 28th, 1905.

By a unanimous vote the School Committee, together with Henry R. Johnson, Charles A. Loring and Albert J. Francis, were made a Building Committee with full power to act for the Town in the erection of a High School building in accordance with the plans prepared by Messrs. Adden & Parker, and the sum of \$85,000 was appropriated for the purpose. July 2nd, 1906, an additional appropriation of \$6000 was voted.

The building is designed to accommodate four hundred and fifty pupils; the following description was prepared by the architects, Messrs. Adden & Parker, for publication in the Reading Chronicle :

### A WORD FROM THE ARCHITECTS

The problem of location of the building, always difficult, was made doubly so in this case by the slope of the lot in relation to streets and the points of the compass. To face the building on either street would have made a structure low at one end and high at the other, resulting in a very awkward facade. The question was not decided, however, from the point of view of looks alone, but after considering various schemes for a plan, as well. This point being decided, that of settling upon the final plan was taken up.

Here two things had to be kept in mind: the conditions presented by the Committee, and the amount of money voted by the Town. After working out three variations of the same scheme, the second one was chosen as combining the imposed conditions condensed to the most practicable limit. This plan is that of the building as constructed. And it will be seen that the sloping lot is

of great advantage as it permits the students to pass directly from the south yard level to their dressing rooms, whence they go to the floors above by the main staircases — a more direct arrangement than is usually possible.

The scheme of the building as a whole is as follows :

From the south yard, opening upon separate approaches, are the students' entrances to the basement ; one at the east side for the girls and one at the west side for the boys. In addition to these there is an entrance for bicycles at the extreme west end of the south front, and under the front porch a door to the unpacking room, where all express matter et cetera is to be received. Coal is to be taken in by way of the main drive and ashes removed by the one at the east side, the apparent prominence being explained by the fact that all sides of the building are equally important and exposed.

The boys' and girls' dressing rooms and lavatories are located at the extreme opposite ends of the basement and near their respective out door entrances, the boys' room having a shower bath in connection. Off the lobby on the west side of the building is also a well for a booklift running to all floors.

In the centre of the basement between the boys' and girls' rooms are the gymnasium and lunch room, the latter being provided with an alcove which is fitted up as a kitchen. A high gymnasium is provided by dropping the floor 4 ft. 6 in. below that of the surrounding rooms, the latter serving as galleries in connection with the gymnasium. The boiler and coal rooms are located in the northeast corner of the basement and are both excavated the same depth as the gymnasium. Two sixty horse-power boilers supply heat for the building, which is heated and ventilated by the so-called "gravity system." And the school is also provided with a complete system of telephones and fire alarms.

Directly opposite the main entrance on the first floor are the reception room and administrative offices. At the left of the entrance, on the main corridor, is the library, the remainder of the

floor being taken up with five class-rooms, an office for the Superintendent of Schools, and a large room for the storage of books.

The second story is given up to the assembly hall, occupying the entire central portion of the building, and seating about five hundred, four class-rooms, and two emergency toilet rooms.

The third story is devoted to the sciences and commercial work, with a large room for drawing.

The limited amount of money at command relative to the size of the undertaking was felt as a handicap on the exterior of the building more than elsewhere and the sole aim here has been to produce a simple and dignified result. To this end brick, limestone, terra cotta and wood have been combined, the last two being used more freely than we would have chosen if more money had been available. The red "water struck" brick was used from preference as well as from motives of economy, a substantial saving being effected by its use. It will, perhaps, be of interest to know that the sentiment "For the Benefit of All" on one of the tablets at the side of the main entrance was selected by the Committee from the old legislative act establishing high schools.

In the completed structure the townspeople have a building which could not be duplicated today for a sum largely in excess of what it has cost.

This result and whatever of success has been attained in the solution of the problem have been due in no small degree to the attitude and co-operation of the Building Committee, the Principal, Mr. Watkins, and the Supt. of Schools, Mr. Stone. It is also with much appreciation on our own part that we mention the ability with which Mr. Cummings has carried out his obligations, and the sense of duty manifested in connection with the same during most trying conditions.

Very truly yours,

ADDEN & PARKER.

September 6, 1906.

The contract for constructing the building, including the heating, plumbing, wiring, telephone system, clocks and bells was awarded to the H. P. Cummings Co., who were the lowest bidders.

Excavation for the foundation was begun Aug. 14th, 1905. The first brick was laid Oct. 16th. No corner-stone was laid, but a metallic box was placed in the masonry containing documents, papers and pictures which will some day without doubt be of interest to the future citizens of the Town.

The building was completed Sept. 14th, 1906, and the following day was opened for inspection by the public. The expressions of pleasure and commendation from our own citizens, and many others whose judgment is especially valuable because actively engaged in school work, lead the Committee to believe that their purpose to secure for the Town one of the best arranged and equipped high school buildings for the money expended, has been satisfactorily accomplished. The following from Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education, is typical of the many expressions received:

"The new High School house is one of the best, and one of the best equipped and appointed in the state. Indeed, I know of none better for the size and wealth of the Town in the country. The money has gone for the latest and best for school purposes, rather than for ornamentation. It is as valuable for its purposes as some High School buildings that have cost \$50,000 more."

The Committee presents the following financial statement. A more complete account may be found in the High School building account in the Town Report.

#### STATEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Original appropriation . . . .	\$85,000 00
Additional appropriation . . . .	6,000 00
Cash from sale of fence . . . .	9 80
Cash from material sold . . . .	17 45
Amount from interest accrued on High School loan . . . .	200 28
Amount due from material sold . . . .	325 85
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	\$91,553 38

H. P. Cummings Co., contract . . . . .	\$77,836 00
H. P. Cummings Co., extras not included in contract . . . . .	1,231 07
H. P. Cummings Co., blasting not included in contract . . . . .	2,699 70
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Total H. P. Cummings Co., cont. and extras	\$81,766 77
Adden & Parker, architects . . . . .	3,950 17
Allen Shade Holder Co., window shades . . . . .	332 83
Furniture . . . . .	2,997 74
David R. Craig, electric light fixtures . . . . .	506 55
Grading, including shrubs . . . . .	1,253 80
Miscellaneous account . . . . .	1,024 79
Fuel . . . . .	426 33
Removal of material from excavation . . . . .	463 99
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	\$92,722 97

Amount overdrawn \* . . . . \$1,169 59

All bills included in the above statement are paid with the exception of a balance due the H. P. Cummings Co., amounting to \$5,358.57. Owing to the failure of the H. P. Cummings Co., liens amounting to \$4,757.87 have been filed against the Town; the validity of these claims is disputed by the receiver of the H. P. Cummings Co. and therefore now remain unpaid. As soon as it shall be finally determined to whom the money should be paid these claims will be liquidated.

The expenditure in excess of the appropriations is due largely to the grading and planting of the grounds, together with certain other expenditures not contemplated nor provided for in the original appropriations, the following being some of the larger items:

Legal advice . . . . .	\$170 00
Expense connected with printing and issue of bonds . . . . .	200 00
Covering certain steam pipes with asbestos, applied by the contractor by mistake but allowed to remain . . . . .	113 00
Extra plumbing not provided for in the contract . . . . .	217 00
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	\$700 00



An appropriation should be made at the annual Town meeting to provide for the amount overdrawn.

The members of the Committee express their sincere thanks to all who in any way have assisted them in their work. Especially valuable have been the suggestions of Mr. M. A. Stone, Superintendent of Schools, Principal Harry T. Watkins, and other teachers connected with the High School. The Committee desires also to express, both for itself and for the citizens of the Town, grateful appreciation to Mr. J. Woodward Manning, whose personal services in landscape effects have been rendered without cost to the Town.

WALTER S. PARKER,  
HORACE G. WADLIN,  
HENRY R. JOHNSON,  
MARY L. NESMITH,  
HENRY C. PARKER,  
CHARLES A. LORING,  
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GILMAN L. PARKER,

Committee on New High School Building.

READING, FEB. 6, 1907.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The School Committee of Reading submits the following report:

The past year has been an eventful one in the educational history of the Town. It is almost true to affirm that the new High School has been erected and completed during the year. We desire to express to the citizens our hearty appreciation for the cordial and emphatic manner in which they have expressed themselves concerning the building of the High School whenever the subject, per se, has been presented to them for a pronounced opinion.

It is within the bounds of truth to say that Reading has ever been true to the higher educational interests of her children. The percentage of pupils in the schools to the number of inhabitants is large, and the percentage of pupils in the High School is very large, being one of the highest in the State, showing conclusively that our citizens make large use of the educational privileges of the Town.

Our present new High School building, with its splendid equipment and picturesque situation, is but another expression of the Town's devotion to the cause of education. Education considered in its broadest and best sense, is of the highest importance to all,—an education that appeals to the heart and soul, the mind and intellect, and the physical nature, leading to good health of body, mind and soul. What can be of greater importance!

We would in this connection suggest that in order to make the most possible use of our new building with its modern appliances, we must not forget that building, apparatus, books and even excellent teachers in addition, cannot make a good school; this can exist only when and where the pupils are willing to do the





RECEPTION ROOM AND PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



necessary amount of hard work. In fact, it is but a truism to assert that nothing worth while can be accomplished, nothing of enduring good to the individual can come except by struggle and perseverance, self denial and sacrifice. A perfect character, which is the end of all education and in fact the end of all life, must be attained by persistent effort of heart, mind and body.

We earnestly desire to make our schools better and better, more efficient in building stronger boys and girls, possessing keener minds, healthier bodies and higher moral characters. While we firmly believe that our children will compare favorably with those in other places in like conditions, yet we cannot state our desire too strongly for better results and a higher development.

We, therefore, solicit the hearty cooperation of all parents to the end that the educational training which the pupils receive at our hands will not result in disappointment and failure, but will show its fruitage in a life of never ending usefulness and efficiency.

### MEDICAL INSPECTION

The Legislature of 1906 passed the following bill providing for medical inspection of all public school pupils by regular physicians and for eye and ear tests by the teachers. The physicians have been appointed and the teachers are making the tests at the present time.

The act is as follows :

#### ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 502

##### An Act relative to the Appointment of School Physicians.

Section 1. The school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth shall appoint one or more school physicians, shall assign one to each public school within its city or town, and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the performance of their duties as prescribed in this act: provided, however, that in cities wherein the board of health is already maintaining or shall hereafter maintain substantially such medical inspection as this act requires the board of health shall appoint and assign the school physician.

Section 2. Every school physician shall make a prompt examination and diagnosis of all children referred to him, as hereinafter provided, and

such further examination of teachers, janitors and school buildings as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require.

Section 3. The school committee shall cause to be referred to a school physician for examination and diagnosis every child returning to school without a certificate from the board of health after absence on account of illness or from unknown cause; and every child in the schools under its jurisdiction who shows signs of being in ill health or of suffering from infectious or contagious disease, unless he is at once excluded from school by the teacher; except that in the case of schools in remote and isolated situations the school committee may make such other arrangements as may best carry out the purposes of this act.

Section 4. The school committee shall cause notice of the disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering to be sent to his parent or guardian. Whenever a child shows symptoms of small-pox, scarlet fever, measles, chicken pox, tuberculosis, diphtheria or influenza, tonsillitis, whooping cough, mumps, scabies or trachoma, he shall be sent home immediately, or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found, and the board of health shall at once be notified.

Section 5. The school committee of every city and town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every school year, to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. The tests of sight and hearing shall be made by the teachers. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the state board of education shall prescribe.

Section 6. The state board of health shall prescribe the directions for tests of sight and hearing and the state board of education shall, after consultation with the state board of health, prescribe and furnish to school committees suitable rules of instruction, test cards, blanks, record books and other useful appliances for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall provide for pupils in the normal schools instruction and practice in the best methods of testing the sight and hearing of children. The state board of education may expend during the year nineteen hundred and six a sum not greater than fifteen hundred dollars and annually thereafter a sum not greater than five hundred dollars for the purpose of supplying the material required by this act.

Section 7. The expense which a city or town may incur by virtue of

the authority herein vested in the school committee or board of health, as the case may be, shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose in cities by the city council and in towns by a town meeting. The appropriation shall precede any expenditure or any indebtedness which may be incurred under this act, and the sum appropriated shall be deemed a sufficient appropriation in the municipality where it is made. Such appropriation need not specify to what section of the act it shall apply and may be voted as a total appropriation to be applied in carrying out the purposes of the act.

Section 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of September, in the year nineteen hundred and six.—Approved June 20, 1906.

This act of the legislature shows progress in the direction of better care and watchfulness on the part of teachers and all concerned for the physical welfare of the children, and emphasizes the idea of which we are all well aware, but which is often forgotten in daily practice, that good physical health is the basis of clear thinking and sound living. The law states explicitly that every child shall be “tested and examined at least once in every school year, to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or *from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work* or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results.” The state by this law recognizes that the school is for the child, not the child for the school.

Permit us to call your attention to the carefully prepared report of the Secretary of the High School Building Committee for a correct survey of the work of that Committee in connection with the completion of the building.

At the beginning of the present year, the Committee joined with Merrimac and Topsfield in a Superintendents' Union making the expense to Reading of \$900 for supervision by the Superintendent, besides having the advantages of his residence in town, enabling us thereby to call upon him at any time for work and conference.



## VACANCIES

The terms of Mary L. Nesmith and Henry C. Parker expire at the ensuing town meeting, and as our report goes to press the resignation of Gilman L. Parker and of Horace G. Wadlin have been received, thus making it necessary to fill four vacancies at the Town meeting in March. As the Town will lose the services of three members of the present board, it will not be inappropriate to state a brief word concerning them.

Mr. Wadlin has closed a long and successful term of service of over a quarter of a century. His breadth of view, his keen perception, his varied experience and his general scholarship have rendered his services of great value.

Mr. Gilman L. Parker's long term of service has been marked by unflinching devotion to the work of improving the schools. His careful, discriminating business sense and his unselfish, constant application to every detail of the work, especially in all financial matters, have been of incalculable help to the Committee. In all of his work for the town he has truly illustrated the principle, "That a public office is a public trust."

Mrs. Nesmith has been of much assistance on account of her past experience as a successful teacher, her knowledge of practical school work and her keen interest in the cause of education.

In the annals of the Town or in public service anywhere it would be difficult to find better examples of patriotic citizenship than is shown in the public life and work of these retiring members of the School Board.

## APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee recommends the sum of \$28,000 for general school expenses and the sum of \$5000 for school incidentals.

Adopted in School Committee Feb. 2d, 1907.

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman.

MARY L. NESMITH.

E. H. ROBINSON.

HENRY C. PARKER.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Committee of the Town of Reading, Greeting:*

I submit my eighth annual report, which is the fourteenth in the series.

### CARE OF BUILDINGS

This year the chief items of repairs on the buildings were the painting and shingling of the Prospect Street School. The leaks in the roof had caused considerable damage to the walls and ceilings in spite of many attempts to prevent. The interior now needs re-finishing and I recommend that this be done at the earliest opportunity.

At the Lowell Street School the platform across the rear of the room was removed and two doors were placed in the center of that side, opening into a covered passage way to the sanitary, an improvement long needed for this growing school. It is quite probable that this building will need painting during the coming summer vacation.

After ten years of service it was found that the Highland School needed repair, especially the granite masonry about the entrances. The hall of this building should be retinted and I recommend that this be considered in the estimates for repairs the coming year.

The other buildings are in good repair excepting the roof of the Center School which should have new shingles next summer.

### CHANGE OF GRADES

Center School is the name given to the old High School, and the change in its interior furnishings and occupants is as great as the change in name.

On finding the prospects encouraging for occupying the new



High School early in September, it was decided to occupy four rooms at the Center School and close the John street building of two rooms.

We see that this gives us two more rooms occupied by the grade pupils than we had a year ago. One used to relieve the overcrowded Highland and the other to provide for the additional fifty pupils found in September by the census enumerator. We thus note how opportune was the erection of the new building.

With so large an enrollment in the Seventh and Eighth Grades it was necessary to take for their use the southeast lower room of the Highland, for years occupied by Fourth Grade pupils. With the relief of the two rooms at Center School the Highland still has an enrollment of 457, which indicates that the John street building is not destined to stand idle very long.

An ideal way to delay its use would be to raise the Prospect St. School building another story, for securing additional room in that locality, and so hold the pupils there till they finish Fifth Grade.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL

To appreciate what the Town of Reading has done for the highest development of its youth, step within and experience the satisfaction afforded by the artistic arrangement of the vestibule, the reception room, so homelike in its appointments, with the teachers' study on one side and the principal's office on the other.

These with the spacious corridor leading to the corner class rooms and to the broad stairways on either hand all serve to impress the visitor with the feeling that his own comfort is the first thing thought of in the arrangement of the administrative portion of the school, while the pupils cannot fail to recognize that these conditions indicate the honor conferred by those responsible for the work of our schools, upon those who are from time to time elected to carry on this important work of training them for citizenship.

The spacious assembly hall, the library, the gymnasium, the lunch room, as well as the special rooms for science work and for the

commercial course show how keenly alive to all modern requirements for the best High School work were the men who drew these plans and saw them materialize.

By the expenditure of about two hundred dollars (\$200), the class room furniture formerly in use was put in condition to compare favorably with the two rooms of new furniture that were needed in addition to what we had in the old building.

We have six of the nine class rooms now occupied and a total enrollment for the past four months of 280 pupils, of whom 240 are our own children and who form the large percentage of the entire school enrollment, 1216, of 19.7 per cent.

When compared with Reading's population, census of 1905, 5,682, we find that we have a record of 42.2 per thousand.

Such a record reflects great credit on the corps of teachers who succeed to this extent in holding them up to advanced study.

The course of study now followed in our High School will be found on another page.

One change in this I would recommend for the following reasons. We find that the college requirements in French are so much greater than they were a few years ago that it is impossible to meet them in a regular two years course in French, and in case of those of our pupils who have planned to offer French as a part of their preparation for college, extra work has been given outside the regular school hours. Our pupils in recent years have passed in this subject, thanks to the loyalty of the teachers concerned to the good name of the school, as well as to their generous attitude toward the earnest student. With requisite teaching force, allowed in part for this very reason, I recommend the extension of the course in French to three years, beginning with next September.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

As usual we are obliged to report a number of changes in the faculty.

During the summer Miss Currier was obliged to ask for leave

of absence for the first part of the year and Miss Mary Lerner of Cambridge was secured to take her work.

The election of Miss English to a position yielding a much larger salary in Newark, N. J., made it necessary to secure one to carry on her work in mathematics. The choice fell to Miss Flora M. Cotton, of Providence, R. I., who in three months was offered a position in Providence, which she felt she must accept as it would allow of her living at home where her presence was very much needed. Miss Alice M. Grover of Lynn was secured to take this work.

Miss Marion G. Richardson was also called to a larger position with an increase in salary in the New Bedford High School, under the direction of Mr. Wilson R. Butler, formerly principal of the Reading High School. Miss Isabel H. Coombs of Stoneham was secured to take her work in the commercial department.

With these changes in the corps of teachers only a few will be able to appreciate the care devolving upon the master of the school, Mr. Watkins, as they entered the new building Sept. 17th. I wish in this report to you to express my unqualified praise of all concerned in that inauguration of the work amid the new surroundings.

In less than five minutes after the pupils had left the assembly hall, where they were first seated, every pupil was located in the seat assigned him and each teacher in charge of a home room learned her enrollment from the room plan in her possession at that time. The regular program was called and the lessons were assigned the first day.

The work of the master was in evidence on every hand while teachers and pupils vied with one another to make the work of those first days a grand success.

He speaks with the highest appreciation of the manner in which the pupils have caught the progressive spirit and their attitude right through the year thus far has shown, better than any words could do, their appreciation for what the Town has done for their education.

It may be of interest to the general public to know that the corps of High School teachers as now constituted will enable us to carry on the work allowed by the large list of elective studies in a satisfactory manner, and no pupil, who gives the proper time and thought to any line of preparation he may elect, need find anything but a good preparation for the course awaiting him in higher institutions.

With the experience of the past four weeks with this addition to our teaching force, it gives me pleasure to report that I have not seen the Reading High School in so prosperous a condition as it is at the present time.

### THE GRADE TEACHERS

The Highland School has suffered as usual from the depredations of superintendents who can offer larger salaries than Reading can afford to give. Miss Mary F. Osborne was elected at Springfield at a large increase in salary, and Miss Ethel B. Macomber was elected at Winthrop to a position paying a larger salary. Their work was provided for by the election of Miss Annie L. Dolloff of New Sharon, Me., for Grade VII and Miss Mary L. Reed of Weymouth for Grade VI, and we feel that the Highland is maintaining its usual high standard of work.

At the Center School Miss Ethel M. Flanders was given one room of Grade IV, and Miss Nellie S. Batchelder of Salem, the other.

Miss Edith A. Wright was placed in charge of one room of Grade III and Miss M. Grace Wakefield in charge of the other. After a few weeks Miss Wright was made principal of the building.

Sickness preventing the taking up of the work at the first of the year by Miss Flanders, Miss Annie M. Anderson of Dorchester was secured as substitute for two months and served with great efficiency.

Miss Florence E. Babcock and Miss Annie P. Reid were given the two rooms of Grade II at the Union Street School and Miss Myra K. Parker and Miss Marion H. Morgan the two rooms of Grade I.

Miss Duncan and Miss Wright were continued at the Prospect Street School and Miss Bessie M. Parker at the Lowell Street, while Miss Helen R. Flett of Waverly was secured to take the Chestnut Hill School left vacant by the transfer of Miss Flanders to the Center School.

Miss Barclay having decided to give up teaching, Miss Kate Farlin of Hyde Park was secured to take the work in sewing.

Mr. Walter F. Brackett also decided not to stand as candidate for the position of teacher of manual training for another year, and it became necessary to choose his successor. Mr. W. Firth Eastwood of Boston was secured for this work.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that all our new and untried teachers are proving themselves possessed of all the qualities accredited them at the time of our interviews in vacation.

## TEXT BOOKS—HIGH SCHOOL

### MATHEMATICS

Solid Geometry, G. A. Wentworth,	Ginn & Co.
College Algebra, Webster Wells,	D. C. Heath
Plane Geometry, Hobbs,	P. P. Simmons
Algebra, Exercise Manual, Wentworth & Hill,	Ginn & Co.
Essentials of Algebra, Webster Wells,	D. C. Heath

### SCIENCE

Elementary Physics, Revised, Wentworth & Hill,	Ginn & Co.
A Text Book of Physics; Revised, Hall & Bergen,	Henry Holt
Manual of Physics Experiments, Nichols, Smith & Turton,	Ginn & Co.
Descriptive Chemistry, Newell,	D. C. Heath
Qualitative Analysis, I. W. Irish,	American Book Co.
Advanced Applied Physiology, Overton,	American Book Co.
Physical Geography, Ralph S. Tarr,	MacMillan Co.
Foundations of Botany, Bergen,	Ginn & Co.
School Zoology, Burnett,	American Book Co.



## HISTORY

- A History of the American Nation, McLaughlin, D. Appleton & Co.  
 Essentials in English History, Walker & Hart, American Book Co.  
 Rome: Its Rise and Fall, Myers, Ginn & Co.  
 A History of Greece, Myers, Ginn & Co.

## ENGLISH

- Composition & Rhetoric, Lockwood & Emerson, Ginn & Co.  
 Elements of Rhetoric, Carpenter, MacMillan  
 Composition & Rhetoric, Scott & Denney, Allyn & Bacon  
 English Composition & Literature, Webster, Houghton, Mifflin Co.  
 All of the college requirements in various editions.

## LATIN

- Latin Grammar, Allen & Greenough, Ginn & Co.  
 Latin Prose, Jones, S. C. Griggs & Co.  
 Latin Composition, D'Ooge, Ginn & Co.  
 Caesar's Gallic War, Greenough, Ginn & Co.  
 Orations of Cicero, Greenough & Kittredge, Ginn & Co.  
 The Lives of Cornelius Nepos, Lindsay, American Book Co.  
 New Latin Composition, Daniell, Benjamin Sanborn  
 Greater Poems of Virgil, Greenough & Kittredge, Ginn & Co.  
 The Bellum Catilinae, Sallust, Benjamin Sanborn  
 Selections from Ovid, Kelsey, Allyn & Bacon

## GREEK

- A Greek Grammar, Goodwin, Ginn & Co.  
 Xenophon's Anabasis, Goodwin & White, Ginn & Co.  
 Homer's Iliad, Seymour, Ginn & Co.  
 Xenophon's Hellenica, Marratt, Ginn & Co.  
 Exercises in Greek Composition, Woodruff, Benjamin Sanborn  
 Exercises in Greek Composition, Jones, S. C. Briggs & Co.  
 Greek Grammar, Hadley & Allen, American Book Company

## FRENCH

- Complete French Course, Chardenal, Allyn & Bacon  
 Primary French Translation Book, Lyon, D. C. Heath

French Verbs, Hennequin,	American Book Company
Easy French, Snow & Lebon,	D. C. Heath

## GERMAN

Lehrbuch der Deutschen Sprache, Spanhoofd,	D. C. Heath
German Composition, Bernhardt,	Ginn & Co.
German Method for Beginners, Lange,	Allyn & Bacon

## COMMERCIAL

Gregg Shorthand, John Gregg,	Gregg Publishing Co.
Rational Typewriting, Cutler & SoRelle,	Gregg Publishing Co.
Office Routine & Bookkeeping, Williams & Rogers,	American Book Co.
Accounting & Business Practice, Moore & Miner,	Ginn & Co.
Business Arithmetic, Williams & Rogers,	American Book Co.

## A BRIEF OUTLINE OF OUR COURSE OF STUDY

## READING AND LITERATURE

We continue to find the best results ever attained in our schools in the subject of reading by the use of the Passaic Method of teaching this subject.

This combines the word and the sentence methods and later deals with phonics in a thorough manner.

Perhaps the chief gain lies in the natural expression secured, a logical result of the plan of memorizing choice selections from our best authors, in the early portion of their work and using these as a basis in developing a vocabulary and in forming the habit of taking in the meaning of the entire sentence at once. Correct expression is gained from the teachers as the passages chosen are committed to memory, the sense of hearing being called into exercise as well as sight. The mechanical side is made subordinate to the thought getting and the thought expressing power.

By this plan our pupils acquire sufficient power in three and four months to read the ordinary first readers, finding the ordinary primers too easy reading for profitable use.



In the second year they are capable of reading material that takes on a more distinct character as literature and the interest aroused by this kind of material continues to spur them on to fresh endeavor, and so power to read and to understand continues to grow in proportion.

Fables and folk lore here find their place, also the material introducing them to the life of children in other countries, as *Around the World*, Book I.

A fair supply of material suited to this work is now available, but as ability is gained from the earlier work more will be demanded.

In the Third Grade the interest is maintained by a variety of material adding the history stories and the lives of great men in simple style, to those in use before. Here conversation on the subject matter serves to determine whether the correct ideas are obtained by the pupils and also gives the teacher an opportunity to teach correct expression in case the pupils fail to use grammatical language.

In all these grades the pupils are taught memory gems as a means of creating and developing a taste for the best in thought expressed in the best of language.

In the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades geography and history or biography hold a still more prominent place in the curriculum, for it is the design on the one hand to make the study of geography a real, present life interest, and on the other to lead up to the formal study of history by developing a personal interest in the men who were prominent in our early history.

With the books of Dodge, Frye, Tarr-McMurry, *Around the World* Book III, *Seven Little Sisters*, and other material noted in the appended list, it will be seen that the subject may be made to appear to the pupils a subject of wide range and one affecting our life in many ways. If in these grades there seems the lack of definiteness in locating places, we trust a certain power to classify and locate in a reasoning manner in the remainder of the course will remedy any such defect thus far apparent.

In Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades the work of literature becomes more positive, gradually introducing works of the literary masters and securing a liking for these works both by a careful choice of the material and by the skillful treatment of the same by the enthusiastic teacher. In this matter of dealing with the classic productions of our great literary leaders, nothing will prove an efficient substitute for the earnest, enthusiastic, live teacher to lead and direct the thoughts of the pupils engaged in perusing these literary gems.

In the list below will be found the authors read and the selections for memorizing.

### GEOGRAPHY

The first introduction of our pupils to information about the world we live in is by means of the readers. They are thus made acquainted with the lives of little people who live in climates widely different from their own.

In the Fourth Grade special effort is made to bring to the pupil's attention the many facts that lie all about him and make him familiar with much that will serve him well in his later study. The Dodge geography is given him to read and study and thus he grows acquainted with the terms and expressions in which he is to think and talk as he goes from his own immediate surroundings to those of distant lands. In the Fifth Grade, Frye's Elementary is used, supplemented by Tarr-McMurry, and all the continents are studied, making use of outline maps for the surer location of the prominent features of each.

In Sixth Grade special study is given to the United States, taking up the work by sections, using outline maps, looking up special industries in other books, and in the last weeks of the year filling in an outline map of the entire country for a review and another comprehensive view of the pupil's own country before leaving school or studying other countries as thoroughly as the use of the large geography implies.

In Seventh Grade the study of North and South America, Europe and Africa or Asia is pursued with the aid of Frye's Gram-

mar School Geography, supplemented by Tarr-McMurry, Carpenter, Stoddard's Lectures and stereoscopic views.

In the first half of Eighth Grade the remaining portions of the globe are studied and a review of the United States with special reference to its commerce, thus bringing in review many prominent places and natural features of other countries.

Here we find Adams' Elementary Commercial Geography furnishes much valuable material to tax the mental powers and prevent the monotony of the typical review.

In all these grades the pupils are stimulated to investigate for themselves and make an orderly display of their work in accord with the mounted cards of the Tiffany Industrial Cabinet. This proves more interesting to pupils than any previous work on the subject.

## HISTORY

In the subject of history our aim is to develop a taste for the study by first introducing the pupils to the men who performed heroic deeds and who were conspicuous leaders in the settlement and development of our great nation. As early as Third Grade the pupils read "Great Americans for Little Americans" and so in the Fourth and Fifth Grades a part of the reading material of the year is of the historic character.

In Sixth Grade more attention is paid to the preparation of a lesson in History as a training for the later study of Montgomery's Leading Facts of American History.

In Seventh Grade pupils are expected to take the work as far as the Civil War, while Eighth Grade pupils finish and review the whole, using Gordy's U. S. History.

In both Seventh and Eighth Grades the pupils are required to use the Ivanhoe Historical Note Book, thus putting in enduring form the outlines of the work and many notes of great value to refer to after they have left school. This also combines in a splendid way the work of geography and history, besides preparing them to follow a similar plan in their later study of history.

The accompanying list of reference books will indicate the plan pursued to interest the brighter pupils or those who need the EXTRA THING to secure their best efforts.

## ARITHMETIC

We plan no definite work in numbers for the first year and in the second year the subject is treated objectively, using the Hobbs Number Stick, the Speer Number Blocks, together with inch cubes and other simple material for illustrating wholes and fractional parts. The usual combinations are carried as far as sixteen in the course of the year and the use of figures and the signs of the fundamental processes are made familiar.

In the third year the objective teaching is continued for the first part of the year, according to the ability of the class, and in three or four months the book is placed in the hands of the pupils for additional material. The Werner Arithmetic has been found very helpful in securing a healthy development of power to use numbers.

By this plan pupils are early made to think of halves, thirds and fourths, and to use these fractions in their oral work. They are trained in the use of the term inch, foot, yard, pint, quart, peck, bushel, gallon, dime, nickel, dollar, triangle, oblong, square, pentagon, perimeter, area, and are taken over the multiplication tables as far as to yield products from forty to fifty. Emphasis is placed upon having the pupils tell what a stated problem means, also upon requiring them to make problems involving the processes they have indicated in their oral work.

In Fourth Grade the work grows more difficult by gradually introducing the fractions, fifths, tenths, sixths, twelfths, and carrying the work on the tables through the usual numbers. Near the close of the year, for two months or more, they are given drill on the decimal tenths, while the plan of requiring them to give problems that call for their use is continued in this grade.

In Fifth Grade the additional fractions used are sevenths, fourteenths, fifteenths, decimal hundredths, decimal thousandths, and



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familiarity with the terms of percentage, also of ratio and proportion. Special drill is given on comparing one-half, 50 per cent., one-fourth, 25 per cent., one-third,  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent., one-sixth,  $16\frac{2}{3}$  per cent., one-eighth,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Mental arithmetic exercises with numbers easily carried in mind is the plan used to develop power to think in terms of number, to talk in logical simplicity. The completion of Book I and the first fifty pages of Book II has been found practical in the Reading schools.

In Sixth Grade we take up the terms multiple, common multiple and least common multiple and make the pupils familiar with their meaning by a short exercise daily.

Work upon measuring piles of wood, floors, walls, ceilings, roofs, with cost at given price per cord, square yard, etc., develop the power of reasoning from known facts to the desired financial results, while practice with numbers containing decimals of three and four places will give abundant opportunity to keep in mind the method of performing the four fundamental operations.

In Seventh Grade it has been found practical to finish Book II and work for four or five months in Book III, which gives a good review of arithmetic by the ordinary topical arrangement, and with this continued through Eighth Grade and supplemented by fresh problems under each topic our pupils are found well grounded in the fundamentals of arithmetic.

We do not attempt to make pupils of fourteen years of age experts in partial payments, cube root, partnership, alligation and other topics that demand a more mature mind.

### ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY

In Seventh Grade we have found it advantageous to take up work in constructive geometry, giving one lesson a week to it. In Eighth Grade the pupils are given an introduction to algebra, devoting two periods a week to this work. A noticeable result of this introduction of algebra and geometry into the Grammar Grades is the great reduction in the number of failures in the algebra and geometry of the High School. Pupils are given an opportunity to become somewhat familiar with the processes and the terms employed.



## LATIN

In Eighth Grade we also give pupils the opportunity to choose between Latin and English grammar. One interesting experience in this connection is worth remarking. Those taking Latin as it is taught in our Eighth Grade are found to have a better knowledge of the grammatical structure of our own language than those who elect English grammar. I believe it shows clearly how beneficial in educational work is the method that demands frequent comparison of two ideas or thoughts in contrast with the method of attempting to substitute for this a persistent struggle to master certain material by sheer force of memory and an exercise of the will.

I believe we would secure equally good results if French were used as the language, with the added benefit that it would contribute more to the pupil's advantage in his study of French in High School and to his equipment for later years. With proper facilities for instruction I believe the best results in French could be secured by beginning in Eighth Grade and continuing it throughout the High School course with three periods a week. This would give 600 hours or a full three years course of five periods a week with the gain of beginning at an earlier age, when new means of expressing thought are naturally attractive.

## PHYSIOLOGY

The work in physiology and hygiene is carried on in the Primary Grades by oral work, in morning talks and special lessons as occasions arise.

In the grades beyond these a text book is given the pupils and the work grows more definite as the plan of the Committee of Twelve is followed.

## MANUAL TRAINING

Manual training still holds its well earned place in our work as the little ones with scissors find profitable employ in cutting paper and cardboard or in weaving with splints or colored paper.

Beginning with the Fourth Grade more careful work in cardboard construction is done while in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth

the boys are given sloyd work and the girls at the same time receive instruction in sewing.

I feel that I am entirely within bounds when I state that from no like amount of expenditure per year, about \$500, do the schools of Reading derive, on the whole, so great a benefit as from that spent on manual training.

## MUSIC

This subject has been efficiently taught in our schools for many years and the results are very apparent in the upper Grammar and High School Grades.

In the Primary Grades rote singing has lately come under the direction of the Supervisor, with the result that a great gain is noticeable in the quality of the music memorized.

In these grades, too, more attention is given to individual work, so that each pupil becomes accustomed to rising and singing alone with as little hesitation as he feels on rising to read or spell, and this carried on in higher grades, as part singing is taken up, develops an independence that is very commendable.

All grades gain from drill in writing exercises in music to show that they have really mastered the simple matters of musical notation.

This certainty in each individual case has a marked effect for good on the chorus work of the older classes.

In the High School, opportunity is given pupils to study harmony and musical composition.

## DRAWING

The exercises in drawing are grouped in all the grades in four main subjects, Nature, Construction, Representation and Design. Nature drawing is studied from flowers, sprays of leaves, fruit and vegetables both in the spring and fall. In the Primary Grades pencils and crayons are used, and in the higher grades brush work with ink and water colors is added.

Mechanical drill and constructive work are given in each grade, beginning with the use of the ruler and measuring by inches, half

and quarter inches through the Fourth Grade, followed by simple working drawings to scale, some of which are afterwards worked out in the manual training room. Simple objects, quickly made, which are useful in play or for Christmas gifts, or to illustrate other lessons are constructed of paper or cardboard. These give valuable training in neatness, accuracy and dexterity.

Representation or pictorial drawing is made interesting by the study of useful or beautiful objects from school or home. Different mediums of expression are employed, as crayons, water colors and charcoal, the variety continuing the interest from year to year. Some fine landscape drawing in charcoal and water colors has been executed by one of the classes in the High School and has attracted a great deal of attention when posted in the drawing room.

The subject of design is one which interests most pupils as the element of color appeals so strongly to the childish taste. Designs have been made for handkerchief and rug borders, for bowls, pitchers and vases, surface patterns for textiles, book covers and book rack ends. We have not been able to apply many of the designs in arts or crafts but hope it may be possible in the near future.

The beautiful room planned and furnished for drawing in the new High School has been a joy and delight, its convenience, light and beauty being all that could be desired. The quality of work has been much improved by such surroundings and the former confusion and loss in collecting and storing materials have been completely eliminated.

A valuable gift of artistic Japanese pottery has been received for use in this room, and has added much to its attractiveness and to its working facilities.

## READING HIGH SCHOOL

GENERAL COURSE		COLLEGE GROUP		SCIENTIFIC GROUP		NORMAL GROUP	
FRESHMAN YEAR							
English	5	English	5	English	5	English	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Algebra	5	Algebra	5	Algebra	5	Algebra	5
Biology	5	History	3	Biology	5	Biology	5
History	3			History	3	Drawing	1
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Drawing	1						
SOPHOMORE YEAR							
English	5	English	5	English	5	English	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Greek	5	Greek	5	Geometry	5	Geometry	5
Geometry	5	Geometry	5	Physics	5	Physics	5
History	3	Physics	5	History	3	Drawing	1
Physics	5	History	3	Drawing	1		
Bookkeeping	5						
Drawing	1						
JUNIOR YEAR							
English	5	English	5	English	5	English	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Greek	5	Greek	5	French	5	French	5
French	5	French	5	German	5	German	5
German	5	German	5	Mathematics	5	Mathematics	5
Mathematics	5	Mathematics	5	Chemistry	5	Phys. Geog.	3
Chemistry	5	Chemistry	5	History	3	History	3
Phys. Geog.	3	History	3	Drawing	1	Drawing	1
History	3						
Bookkeeping	5						
Stenography	3						
Typewriting	2						
Drawing	1						
SENIOR YEAR							
English	5	English	5	English	5	English	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Greek	5	Greek	5	French	5	French	5
French	5	French	5	German	5	German	5
German	5	German	5	Mathematics	5	Physiology	3
Mathematics	5	Mathematics	5	Physics	4	History	4
Physics	4	Physics	4	Chemistry	4	Drawing	1
Chemistry	4	Chemistry	4	History	4		
Physiology	3	History	4	Drawing	1		
History	4						
Stenography	3						
Typewriting	2						
Drawing	1						

Music is elective for all students each year.

The figures at the right indicate the number of periods per week the subject occurs, and also the number of diploma points granted for a successful year's work in each subject.

The general course as outlined above includes all the subjects offered during the several years. From these the student may elect studies aggregating at least nineteen points, five of which must be English, and one of which may be music. A total of seventy-six points must be successfully passed off before the diploma of the school will be granted. Owing to the varied requirements of the different colleges and scientific schools for admission, and the latitude of choice allowed even in the same college, it is impossible to lay down a fixed course for preparation for higher institutions. In the college, scientific, and normal groups, are presented the studies which are required for entrance into the various institutions for which our students prepare. From these groups may be elected the individual courses necessary to prepare for any college, scientific school or normal school in the country, and from these courses students can be, and are, prepared to enter without condition Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Inst. of Tech. or any of the smaller colleges or normal schools. The so-called "commercial" subjects are fitting many students for office work, and it is possible for any bright student to fill a situation of fairly arduous requirements as stenographer immediately upon graduating from this department. A course in harmony, comprising one hour a week for one year is also offered, open to all classes, and for this, one point is allowed.

### HOME GARDENS

A good number of our pupils were interested to carry on the work in gardens at home, and give a description of their experiences on the opening of schools.

Garden Day, which was held near the last of September, showed keen interest in the work and a marked success in raising flowers and vegetables.

Prizes were awarded to a large number of children by the president of the Woman's Club, and several were awarded by the Horticultural Society of Boston for excellent work done here at home, one receiving first prize.



We are under great obligation to the Woman's Club to whom is due the honor of the inauguration of this work, and to Miss Olive Prescott who has given much thought and personal supervision to it. The work merits the hearty support of all, for by it all children who undertake it derive a benefit that comes from doing something calling for patient work according to the laws of vegetable life, and patient waiting for the fruitage.

By continued cooperation of home, school, and interested organizations we shall continue to derive still greater good from this branch of educational work.

### HUMANE EDUCATION

This story may seem one that is hardly entitled to space in another school report, but inasmuch as this has as much to do with the proper training of the future citizen as the instruction given in Latin or Algebra, I venture to report that we are still fostering this work and are finding fertile soil into which we cast the seed that is even now, in school days, yielding the fruits of kindness to the lower orders of animals and respect and kindly deportment towards their elders. If exceptions to this rule can be instanced, please consider how many fail to become expert workers in mathematics, in science, or in other purely intellectual work. Perhaps we shall find that fully as great results are secured in this line of teaching as in the strictly scholastic work.

### STAMP SAVINGS

So far we find no instance of the development of the sordid, miserly spirit from the experience of our work in this department, but on the other hand there are many cases in which the accumulation resulting by Christmas time or a little earlier has proved sufficient to purchase the new shoes needed, or the mittens for a brother or sister, possibly the product of both influences, humane education and stamp savings.

It will be interesting to learn that during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1906, the amount laid by for a longer or a shorter period was \$589.54.



I am sure many learn to understand the meaning of saving the small sums of money by this plan of investing the pennies in stamps instead of spending them for trifles.

In the planning of this work and in directing the same I am greatly indebted to the cordial support of the committee and to the harmonious cooperation of my teachers, for which I wish here to express my hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

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FROM JAN. 1, 1906, TO JAN. 1, 1907

*To the Superintendent :*

Number of absences reported to me . . . . .	56
Number found to be truancy . . . . .	19
Number claimed to be illness . . . . .	9
Number insufficiently clad . . . . .	9
Number over 14 years of age . . . . .	3
Number who had left town . . . . .	1
Number kept to work or otherwise . . . . .	11
Number returned to school . . . . .	52
Number sent elsewhere . . . . .	2

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH, Truant Officer.



# ..Graduation..

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1906

READING HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE TWENTIETH

PROGRAM

Prayer

REV. F. S. HUNNEWELL

- 1 Uncle Sam's New Little Ones (Salutatory)

MARION BELLE TURNER

- 2 The Red Man's Last Roll Call

CHESTER ALBERT JENKINS

- 3 The Land of Memory

HELEN RAYMOND ABBOTT

Music—"The Lord is Great"

Mendelssohn

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

- 4 The Crusade We are Awaiting

EDWARD HARRISON TURNER

- 5 A Type of the True American

STANLEY PRESCOTT HUNNEWELL

Music—"O Star of Truth"

Gounod

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

- 6 Our Debt to the Arab

JOSEPHINE HENRIETTA LEACH

- 7 Diplomats that Count

DEAN PEABODY

Music—"The Bridal Chorus"

Cowen

From "The Rose Maiden"

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

- 8 The New Note in Education

(Valedictory)

BERTHA ELSIE BARTLETT

Conferring of Diplomas by Walter S. Parker  
Chairman of the School Committee

Benediction

REV. W. H. PARKER

Musical Director

Accompanist

LEON R. MAXWELL

GENEVIEVE L. FORBES, '06

## GRADUATES

## COLLEGE COURSE

Helen Raymond Abbott	Josephine Henrietta Leach
Bertha Elsie Bartlett	Edith M. Livingston
Marion Belle Turner	

## SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Charles Lowell Hanson	Chester Albert Jenkins
Albert George Heselton	Harrison Bradbury Parker
Stanley Prescott Hunnewell	Dean Peabody, Jr.
Edward Harrison Turner	

## NORMAL COURSE

Elizabeth Annie Batchelder	Annie Beryl Bruorton
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## GENERAL COURSE

Maude Payne Badger	Abbie Marie McGarry
Oscar William Batchelder	Bertha Lillian Parker
Frances Whitefield Capen	Catherine Helen Parkins
Mildred Goward Chandler	George Bancroft Perry
Beulah Snow Chisholm	Annie Susan Poock
Edith Frances Doucette	Clarence George Power
Esther Frances Emerson	Endie Findley Ramsay
Genevieve Louise Forbes	Adelaide Louise Robertson
Sydney Chandler Gould	Roland Rounds
Sara Augusta Haley	Edna Mae Runkle
Mabel Louise Hall	Olive Smart
Elsie Marion Killam	Carl Harry Swanson
George Timothy Lord	Caroline Julia Thayer
Ernest Waldo Manning	Wilbur Francis Turner, Jr.
Winnie Isabelle Mansfield	Isabel Gertrude White
Sybil Marion White	



GRADUATING CLASS OF THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL,  
JUNE, 1906

Abrams, Anna R.  
Atkinson, Edward P.  
Babcock, Harold J.  
Barbrick, Marjorie G.  
Barr, Mabel C.  
Brooks, Mary G.  
Buckle, Vera P.  
Carnes, Caroline D.  
Charles, Melva S.  
Clark, Helen L.  
Clark, Maud E.  
Cooper, H. Clifford  
Cotton, Carlos  
Coulter, Florence I.  
Cowles, George N.  
Crowther, Elsie M.  
Cullinane, Sadie F.  
Curtis, Edgar H.  
Ellison, Guy W.  
Field, Charles H.  
Flint, Russell A.  
Forbes, Frank  
Foster, Ralph W.  
Freedman, Marion  
Freeman, Laura L.  
Friend, Margaret A.  
Galvin, Frank  
Gear, Frances L.  
Granfield, Christine E.  
Greeley, Ethel E.

Greene, Myra F.  
Griffiths, H. Eleazer  
Griffiths, Margaret B.  
Haag, Marion L.  
Haag, Gertrude  
Horton, Clyde K.  
Jenkins, Florence L.  
Kershaw, Warren J.  
Kelley, Norman  
Knowles, Harriette A.  
Logan, Jennie E.  
MacMonagle, Ruth E.  
Maguire, John F.  
McIntire, Lee W.  
Meserve, Marion D.  
Meuse, Mary F.  
Michelini, Arthur C.  
Michelini, Domenick D.  
Milbury, Grace H.  
Murray, Catherine C.  
Murphy, Elizabeth A.  
Nichols, J. Raymond  
Oxley, Frances F.  
Parker, Helen B.  
Parker, Henry B.  
Parks, Harry F.  
Parsons, Ruby B.  
Pease, Christine J.  
Pruden, Mildred W.  
Putnam, Georgia A.

Quinlan, Mary E.  
Richards, Evelyn C.  
Riley, Annie C.  
Riley, Margaret M.  
Robinson, Chester T.  
Robinson, Mildred G.  
Shepardson, Douglass A.  
Smith, Carl M.  
Symmes, Marjorie O.  
Trask, Carrie L.  
Turner, Anna R.

Turner, Theresa M.  
Webb, Frances L.  
Whitchurch, M. Blanche  
White, Ethel M.  
White, Josephine M.  
Whitehouse, Daniel A.  
Whittier, Irving M.  
Wickens, David  
Wilkinson, Blanche I.  
Willis, Margery

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE  
BOARD IN APRIL, 1906, AND OTHER  
ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS										
Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	853
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	890
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	915
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	967
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	938
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	972
" 1906	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1022

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS										
Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	680
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	636
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	682
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	758
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	698
" 1906	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	759

Length of school year, 1905-1906 . . . . . 40 wks.

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. . . . . 18.3

Actual length of school year . . . . . 9 mos. 1.7 dys.

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending

June 23, 1905 . . . . . 1168

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months  
of school year:

YEAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spc.	Tot'l
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	60	53	54	4	1123
1905	129	118	130	124	105	104	88	100	85	76	45	48	4	1156
1906	118	129	109	127	120	100	93	100	88	72	63	42	5	1166



DRAWING ROOM



# TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1906

School	Grade	Teachers	Where Educated	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal	Neither Absent nor Tardy
High	XII	Harry T. Watkins, M. A., Master	Colby University	1903	\$2,000	280	266	256.8	96.9	238	144	79
"	XI	Ervin N. Babcock, Sub-Master	Drury College	1905	1,050							
"	X	Jennie E. Wier	Boston University	1901	750							
"	IX	Edith R. Clapp, M. A.	Brown University	1904	750							
"		Natalie A. Smith	Wellesley College	1905	600							
"		Helen P. Abbott	Vassar College	1905	600							
"		Mary P. Gordon	Mt. Holyoke College	1905	700							
"		Flora M. Cotton, 3 1-2 mos.	Brown University	1906	700							
"		Alice M. Grover, 2 weeks	Wellesley College	1906	525							
"		Mary Lerner	Radcliffe College	1906	600							
"		Isabel H. Coombs	Tufts College	1906	500							
Highland		Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	1,000							
"	VIII	Emma S. Page, Ass't Principal	N. H. State Normal	1889	650	40	38.1	34.8	91.3	42	5	7
"	VIII	Alice E. Hood	Concord, N. H., Training	1902	600	39	37.1	34.7	93.5	45	6	5
"	VIII-VII	Edith A. Estes	Gorham Normal	1901	550	44	37.7	36.5	96.8	34	8	12
"	VII	Leonora W. Goodsoe	Gorham Normal	1906	450	41	39	36.3	93.1	43	16	7
"	VII	Annie L. Dolloff	Tufts College	1906	500	36	33.5	31.5	94	20	17	5
"	VI	Della M. Holman	Lewiston Training	1904	450	52	48.5	45.3	93.4	16	17	6
"	VI	Mary L. Reid	Westfield Normal	1906	450	53	50.4	45.5	90.3	68	17	6
"	V	Agnes S. Ordung	Westfield Normal	1906	400	50	48.9	45	92.3	78	11	2
"	V	Harriet M. Foster	Fitchburg Normal	1905	425	50	47.1	44	93.5	70	15	0
Centre	V-IV	Fannie C. Whittmore	Frammingham Normal	1905	425	52	48.3	43.1	89.3	66	28	0
"	III	Edith A. Wright, Principal	Plymouth, N. H., Hyannis S. S.	1904	450	36	34.1	30.7	90	19	2	1
"	III	M. Grace Wakefield	Hyannis Summer School	1890	475	36	35.8	32.5	90.8	34	3	3
"	IV	Ethel M. Flanders	Salem Normal	1905	400	46	40.7	37.5	92.1	12	8	4
"	IV	Florence E. Babcock	Hyannis Normal	1906	400	40	38.9	35.3	90.7	23	19	4
Union	II	Anna P. Reid	Westfield Normal	1905	500	46	40.3	35.2	87.1	27	7	1
"	I	Marion G. Morgan	Reading High School	1905	425	42	40.9	35.2	86.1	34	5	0
"	I	Myra K. Parker	Bridgewater Normal	1904	475	42	35.7	30.4	85.1	25	0	0
Prospect St.	IV-III	Margaret C. Duncan	Bridgewater Normal	1898	450	43	38.8	36.5	91.3	13	6	0
"	II-I	Clara B. Wright	Reading High School	1903	475	42	38.9	36.5	91.3	19	15	1
"	III-II	Bessie M. Parker	Lowell Normal	1902	450	46	43.5	41.3	92.6	54	91	3
"	IV-III-II-I	Helen R. Flett	Salem Normal	1905	400	35	34.5	31.2	90.5	41	14	6
Chestnut Hill			Hyannis Normal	1906	400	25	24	21.4	89.2	13	6	0
Special Teachers												
Drawing		Annie B. Parker	Prang's Normal	1892	425							
Music		Leon R. Maxwell	Tufts College	1905	500							
Sewing		Kate Farlin	Brookline Training	1906	125							
Manual Training		W. Firth Eastwood		1906	480							



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Appropriations :

General for Superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel . . . . .	\$27,000 00
Contingent, for incidentals, books, sup- plies and High School insurance . . . . .	5,500 00
Received from rent . . . . .	25 00
Received from refund from Municipal Light Board . . . . .	2 68
Received for tuition . . . . .	1,427 73
Received fines on damaged books . . . . .	2 39
Received for materials sold . . . . .	18 04
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	\$33,975 84

## EXPENDITURES

Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel . . . . .	\$24,769 70
Paid incidental expenses . . . . .	4,292 80
Paid for books and supplies . . . . .	2,945 90
Paid Superintendent of Schools . . . . .	1,100 00
Transportation . . . . .	710 00
Truant Officer . . . . .	40 00
Total expenses . . . . .	<hr/> \$33,858 40
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Balance . . . . .	\$117 44
General appropriation . . . . .	\$27,000 00
Paid Superintendent . . . . .	\$ 1,100 00
Paid teachers . . . . .	20,441 95
Paid janitors . . . . .	2,403 50
Paid fuel . . . . .	1,924 25
Paid transportation . . . . .	710 00
Transferred to Incidehtals . . . . .	303 66
	<hr/> \$26,883 36
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Unexpended balance . . . . .	\$116 64

Appropriations for incidentals, supplies		
and High School insurance . . .	\$5,500 00	
Received for tuition . . . . .	1,427 73	
Received refund from Municipal Light		
Board . . . . .	2 68	
Received from general fund . . .	303 66	
Received fines on damaged books . .	2 39	
Received for materials sold . . .	18 04	
Received for rent . . . . .	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,279 50
Paid incidental expenses . . . . .	\$4,292 80	
Paid Truant Officer . . . . .	40 00	
Paid for books and supplies . . . .	2,945 90	
	<hr/>	\$7,278 70
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Unexpended balance . . . . .		80

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools, Melville A.

Stone . . . . . \$1,100 00

## HIGH SCHOOL

Harry T. Watkins . . . . .	\$1,991 64	
E. N. Babcock . . . . .	1,095 00	
Jennie E. Wier . . . . .	750 00	
Jennie F. Currier . . . . .	450 00	
Alice W. English . . . . .	420 00	
Edith Ray Clapp . . . . .	652 50	
Marion G. Richardson . . . . .	375 00	
Mary P. Gordon . . . . .	700 00	
Natalie A. Smith . . . . .	540 00	
Helen P. Abbott . . . . .	540 00	
Mary Lerner . . . . .	240 00	
Isabel H. Coombs . . . . .	200 00	
Flora M. Cotton . . . . .	245 00	
Alice M. Grover . . . . .	26 25	
Margaret Merrill . . . . .	47 81	
	<hr/>	\$8,273 20

## HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows . . . . .	\$1,000 00	
Emma S. Page . . . . .	644 37	
Alice E. Hood . . . . .	540 00	
Edith A. Estes . . . . .	550 00	
Leonora W. Goodsoe . . . . .	450 00	
Ethel B. Macomber . . . . .	270 00	
Annie L. Dolloff . . . . .	198 12	
Mary F. Osborne . . . . .	270 00	
Mary L. Reid . . . . .	180 00	
Delia M. Holman . . . . .	434 20	
Mary H. Barr . . . . .	95 00	
Agnes S. Ordung . . . . .	320 00	
Harriet M. Foster . . . . .	425 00	
Fannie C. Whittemore . . . . .	410 00	
Ethel L. Kimball . . . . .	80	
	<hr/>	\$5,787 49

## CENTER SCHOOL

Edith A. Wright . . . . .	\$180 00	
M. Grace Wakefield . . . . .	190 00	
Nellie S. Batchelder . . . . .	160 00	
Annie M. Andersen . . . . .	97 51	
Ethel M. Flanders . . . . .	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$697 51

## JOHN STREET

Florence E. Babcock . . . . .	\$135 00	
M. Grace Wakefield . . . . .	285 00	
Myra K. Parker . . . . .	255 00	
	<hr/>	\$675 00

## UNION STREET

Laura C. Pollard . . . . .	\$178 75	
Edith A. Wright . . . . .	255 00	
Ruth Whitford . . . . .	110 00	

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$543 75
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$543 75	
Anna P. Reid . . . . .	170 00	
Florence E. Babcock . . . . .	344 94	
Ethel M. Flanders . . . . .	70 00	
Myra K. Parker . . . . .	180 00	
Marion H. Morgan . . . . .	475 00	
Mary Wiley . . . . .	5 06	
	<hr/>	\$1,788 75

## PROSPECT STREET

Margaret C. Duncan . . . . .	\$475 00	
Clara B. Wright . . . . .	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$925 00

## LOWELL STREET

Bessie M. Parker	<hr/>	\$370 00
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## CHESTNUT HILL

Helen R. Flett . . . . .	\$160 00	
Florence Parker Atwood . . . . .	85 00	
Ethel M. Flanders . . . . .	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$395 00

## SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, drawing . . . . .	\$425 00	
Grace E. Barclay, sewing . . . . .	75 00	
Kate Farlin, sewing . . . . .	50 00	
Walter F. Brackett, manual training . . . . .	288 00	
W. Firth Eastwood, manual training . . . . .	192 00	
Leon R. Maxwell, music . . . . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,530 00
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Total paid in salaries. . . . .		\$20,441 95

## JANITORS

Clement Gleason	.	.	.	.	.	\$900 00
Robert Powers	.	.	.	.	.	600 00
D. Pigueron	.	.	.	.	.	317 50
Wm. Killam	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
J. H. Thorburn	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
Timothy Cummings	.	.	.	.	.	120 00
Robert E. Parker	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
Oscar Rounds	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
Chas. F. Bessom	.	.	.	.	.	46 25
R. P. Chase	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
Priscilla Gleason	.	.	.	.	.	120 00
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## FUEL

Adams, R. N.	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 1 80
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	968 50
Barrows, H. C.	.	.	.	.	.	6 85
Batchelder, H. W.	.	.	.	.	.	22 00
Bessom, Chas. F.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Borthwick Bros.	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
Boston & Maine R. R.	.	.	.	.	.	81 35
Burton, S. P. & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	96 37
Chase & Colby	.	.	.	.	.	1 95
Downs, E. T.	.	.	.	.	.	611 93
Emerson, W. D.	.	.	.	.	.	17 50
Hanscom, E. C.	.	.	.	.	.	54 57
Merrill, F. D.	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
Ramsdell, Geo. E.	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
Shackford, Geo. A.	.	.	.	.	.	16 68
Stratton, Chas.	.	.	.	.	.	2 20
Underhill, J. W.	.	.	.	.	.	1 05
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## TRANSPORTATION

Borthwick Bros. . . . .	\$320 00	
Boston & Northern St. Ry. Co. . . . .	390 00	
	<hr/>	\$710 00
Paid from General Fund . . . . .		\$26,579 70
Transferred to Contingent Account . . . . .		303 66
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Total taken from General Fund . . . . .		\$26,883 36
Unexpended balance . . . . .		\$116 64

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

American Express . . . . .	\$ 42 23
American Seating Co. . . . .	324 50
Appleton, D. & Co. . . . .	1 05
Babb, E. E. & Co. . . . .	18 80
Bancroft, Lewis M., insurance . . . . .	99 40
Bancroft, Wendell & Co., repairs . . . . .	84 65
Barnard, F. J. & Co. . . . .	2 45
Bent, L. G. . . . .	8 80
Bessom, Charles F. . . . .	26 00
Blunt, John . . . . .	3 20
Borthwick Bros., carting . . . . .	7 25
Boston & Maine R. R. . . . .	3 13
Bradley, Milton Co. . . . .	3 00
Burgess, R. P., repairs . . . . .	21 75
Carpenter, Morton Co., repairs . . . . .	31 85
Chandler & Barber . . . . .	38 35
Chase, R. P., labor . . . . .	12 83
Clapp, R. D., repairs . . . . .	59 74
Cook, A. S. & Co. . . . .	2 50
Cook, W. F., repairs . . . . .	164 38
Cummings Express . . . . .	108 76
Cummings, T. J. . . . .	6 25

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,070 87
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,070 87
Damon, Grace H. . . . .	75
Dean, F. H., repairs . . . . .	14 15
Dimon, H. C. . . . .	8 50
Dock Square Hardware Co., repairs . . . . .	1 65
Eames, Hugh L., repairs . . . . .	13 00
Eames, L. T., repairs . . . . .	8 86
Edgerley & Bessom, rent of chairs . . . . .	10 00
Field, Elmer D., labor . . . . .	9 00
Fife, T. C., repairs . . . . .	162 18
Francis Bros., stock and repairs . . . . .	214 01
Frotton, Mary J., labor . . . . .	6 91
Gill, Geo. E., repairs . . . . .	113 32
Gleason, Clement, extra labor . . . . .	19 00
Gleason, J. W., labor . . . . .	22 00
Gleason, Priscilla, labor . . . . .	6 30
Hanscom, E. C., carting . . . . .	37 00
Hunt, D. W., moving piano . . . . .	12 00
Johnson, H. R., repairs . . . . .	372 21
Jordan & Marsh Co., furnishings . . . . .	18 00
Kempton, W. H., repairs . . . . .	43 38
Kenney Bros. & Walkins . . . . .	6 00
Kingman, Chester, labor . . . . .	4 75
Ladd, Frederick A., labor on pianos . . . . .	9 00
Library Bureau, book and cabinets . . . . .	84 96
MacDonald, F. G. . . . .	1 32
McKay, Mrs., labor . . . . .	1 80
Metcalf, E. C. . . . .	1 44
Miller, H. F. & Sons Piano Co., piano . . . . .	8 00
Municipal Light Board . . . . .	21 19
Murphy, J. H., repairs . . . . .	18 00
Muse, John, trench . . . . .	125 50
Nichols, F. G., labor . . . . .	9 00
O. O. Ordway . . . . .	1 10

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*Amount carried forward* \$2,455 15

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,455 15
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	44 49
Paine Furniture Co. . . . .	23 75
Park, H. L., repairs at Highland School . . . . .	23 00
Peabody, Dean, Jr., labor . . . . .	3 20
People's Gas & Electric Co. . . . .	24 25
Pettengill-Andrews, repairs . . . . .	15 11
Pierce, George E., rent of chairs . . . . .	8 00
Pigueron, D., labor . . . . .	27 00
Read, Wm. & Sons, equipment for gym. . . . .	6 75
Reading Water Works . . . . .	119 66
Reilly, Mrs. John, labor . . . . .	3 70
Reilly, Mary E., labor . . . . .	1 05
Remington Typewriter Co. . . . .	225 00
Smith, A. A., taking census . . . . .	40 00
Smith, L. C. & Bros. . . . .	420 00
Spencer & Steinmetz . . . . .	7 72
Stewart & Robertson, repairs . . . . .	15 74
Stone, Melville A., traveling expenses . . . . .	173 17
Studley, Edward H., labor . . . . .	11 00
Thorburn, J. H., labor . . . . .	55 66
Thorp & Martin . . . . .	1 00
Turner, J. E. Wagon Co., repairs . . . . .	14 50
Tuttle, A. J. . . . .	1 38
Twombly, W. E. & J. F., printing . . . . .	109 05
Typewriter Exchange, tables . . . . .	24 00
Walworth Mfg. Co. . . . .	66
Watkins, H. T., traveling expenses . . . . .	26 95
Whittier, S. C., labor . . . . .	75
Wight, E., labor . . . . .	1 50
Wight, Frank, labor . . . . .	26 25
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	\$3,909 44

## NEW INSURANCE

Hartford Boiler Insp. and Ins. Co. . . . .	\$121 21
Prentiss & Viall . . . . .	262 15
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	\$383 36
Truant Officer . . . . .	40 00
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	\$4,332 80

## SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Allyn & Bacon, books . . . .	\$ 7 76
American Book Co., books . . . .	123 72
Appleton, D. & Co., books . . . .	28 50
Atkinson, Geo. H., supplies . . . .	20 19
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, supplies . . . .	248 16
Babb, Edward E. & Co., supplies . . . .	433 49
Baird, A. F., supplies . . . .	30 75
Bancroft, Wendell & Co., supplies . . . .	104 21
Barclay, Grace E., supplies . . . .	2 62
Barnard, F. J. & Co., binding books . . . .	177 20
Bradley, Milton & Co., supplies . . . .	99 11
Canty, J. D., supplies . . . .	75
Carter, Rice & Co., supplies . . . .	26 45
Chandler & Barber, supplies . . . .	12 04
Charles, M. F., supplies . . . .	3 10
Cook, A. S. & Co., supplies . . . .	11 88
Dallman, H. I., supplies . . . .	11 00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books . . . .	1 13
Ditson, O. & Co., music . . . .	6 00
Eagle Pencil Co., supplies . . . .	51 45
Eirmer & Armend, supplies . . . .	201 22
Foster's Drug Store, supplies . . . .	3 84
Frost & Adams Co., supplies . . . .	9 25
Gaylord Bros., supplies . . . .	4 70
Ginn & Co., books . . . .	219 46
Greenough, W. S., supplies . . . .	5 36
Gregg Publishing Co., books . . . .	76 41
Hammett, J. L. Co., supplies . . . .	11 25
Harper Bros., books . . . .	29 00
Haynor, Norman C. Co., supplies . . . .	45 50
Heath, D. C. & Co., books . . . .	91 62
Holcomb Mfg. Co., supplies . . . .	36 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books . . . .	119 13
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,252 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,252 25
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies . . .	139 66
King, Geo. F., supplies . . .	13 30
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co., supplies . . .	38 76
Library Bureau, supplies . . .	4 77
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, books . . .	10 00
Nemson & Co., books . . .	13 34
Orient Mfg. Co., supplies . . .	44 09
Parker & Page, supplies . . .	10 90
Pureoxia Co., supplies . . .	4 45
Rand, McNally & Co., books . . .	54 20
Robinson, S. E., apparatus . . .	20 00
Sanborn, Benj. H. & Co., books . . .	2 85
Schoenhof Book Co., books . . .	33 28
Scribner, Chas. Sons, books . . .	81 67
Sibley & Co., books . . .	1 67
Silver, Burdett & Co., books . . .	98 06
Spaulding, F. E., books . . .	3 00
Melville A. Stone, supplies . . .	7 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., books . . .	12 50
Thorp & Martin Co., supplies . . .	5 50
Typewriter Exchange, supplies . . .	28 00
Ward, S. Co., supplies . . .	9 20
Willis, W. H., supplies . . .	2 75
Winchester, Geo. A., supplies . . .	37 70
Wood, W. A., supplies . . .	16 50
	<hr/> \$2,945 90

## TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE READING SCHOOLS

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### READING

Cyr Reader, Book I  
Art Literature, Book I  
Aldine Reader, Book I  
Morse Reader, Book I  
Robin Reader, Book I  
Wheeler Reader, Book I  
Little Peoples' Reader  
Child Life Reader, I  
Hiawatha Primer  
Arnold Primer  
Wheeler Primer  
Brooks Primer  
Finch Primer  
Stepping Stones, Book I  
Fables and Rhymes  
New Century Reader, II  
Child Life Reader, II  
Art Literature, Book II  
Stepping Stones, Book II  
Around the World, Book I  
Around the World, Book II  
Grimm's Fairy Tales  
Heath Reader, II  
Heath Reader, III  
New Education Reader, II  
New Century Reader, III  
Brooks Reader, III  
America's Story for American Children

## READING LITERATURE

## Grade IV

Cyr's Third Reader  
 Child Life, Book III  
 Famous Stories Retold  
 Williams' Choice Literature, I

## Grade V

Lights to Literature, Book IV  
 Cyr's Fourth Reader  
 Child Life, Book IV  
 Daffy-Down-Dilly Stories  
 Black Beauty  
 Choice Literature, Book II  
 Heath Fourth Reader  
 Jones's Fourth Reader

## Grade VI

Hawthorne's "Wonder Book"  
 "Legends of the Red Children"  
 "Lights to Literature," Book VI  
 Kingsley's "Heroes"  
 "In the Days of the Giants"

## Grade VII

Evangeline  
 Snowbound  
 King of the Golden River  
 Great Stone Face

## Grade VIII

Courtship of Miles Standish  
 Dickens's "Christmas Carol"  
 Dickens's "Cricket on the Hearth"  
 Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare  
 Grandfather's Chair .

## LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR

## Grade IV

Book I, Webster-Cooley Language

## Grade V

Webster-Cooley Language Book II, Part I

## Grade VI

Webster-Cooley Language Book II, Part II

## Grade VII

Sayr's Practical Grammar

## Grade VIII

Southworth's English Grammar

Webster's Elementary Composition

Collar &amp; Daniell's First Year Latin

For reference each teacher's desk is supplied with Woodley's  
 "Foundation Lessons in English," and "Mother-tongue."

## SPELLING

Chancellor's Graded Spellers in each grade.

## GEOGRAPHY

## Grade IV-V

## FOR STUDY

Frye's Elements of Geography

Tarr &amp; McMurry's Geography I

Dodge's Home Geography

## FOR READING

"Round the World," Book III

"Seven Little Sisters"

"Each and All"

## Grade VI

## FOR STUDY

Frye's Elements of Geography

Tarr &amp; McMurry's Book II

## Grade VII

## FOR STUDY

Frye's Complete Geography

Carpenter's Geography Reader

## Grade VIII

## FOR STUDY

Frye's Complete Geography

Adams's Commercial Geography



## ARITHMETIC

Grade III

Werner's Arithmetic, Book I

Grade IV

Werner's Arithmetic, Book I

Grade V

Werner's Arithmetic, Books I, II

Grade VI

Werner's Arithmetic, Book II

Grade VII

Werner's Arithmetic, Book II, III

Grade VIII

Werner's Arithmetic, Book III

Nichols' Arithmetical Problems

## GEOMETRY

Grade VII

Observational Geometry

## HYGIENE AND PHYSIOLOGY

Grades IV, V, VI

Baldwin's "Human Physiology"

Grades VII, VIII

Conn's "Elementary Physiology"

## MUSIC

Grades II, III

Normal Music Reader, Book I

Grades IV, V, VI

Normal Music Reader, Book II

Grade VII

The Cicilian, Book III

Grade VIII

The Cicilian, Book IV

The Silver Songs, Books VII and VIII

## HISTORY

## Grades IV-V

## FOR READING

Stories of Colonial Children  
 Pratt's History Stories  
 Explorations and Discoveries, Books I and II  
 Stories of Pioneer Life  
 Wilson's History Reader  
 Stories of Heroic Deeds  
 Fifty Famous Stories Retold

## Grade VI

## FOR STUDY

Montgomery's Beginners' History

## FOR READING

"Stories of English History"  
 "Ten Boys from Long Ago to Now"

## Grade VIII

## FOR STUDY

Montgomery's Leading Facts in American History

## FOR READING

"Stories of the Old Dominion"  
 "Stories of the Old Bay State"  
 Towle's "Raleigh"  
 Towle's "Vasco da Gama"

## FOR REFERENCE

McMaster's, Eggleston's, Ellis's, Morey's and Sheldon's Histories

## Grade VIII

## FOR STUDY

Gordy's History of U. S.

## FOR REFERENCE

Same as Grade VIII and also Channing's, Fiske's, Sudder's and Thomas's Histories

## FOR READING

Dole's American Citizen  
 Hawthorne's Grandfather's Chair



CHEMICAL, LABORATORY



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation . . . . .	\$900 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1905 . . .	658 94
Minor credit (refund, Municipal Light Board) . . . . .	7 18

### EXPENSES

#### Rent:

Odd Fellows' Building Association . .	\$600 00
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#### Salaries:

Bertha L. Brown, librarian . . .	\$300 00
Clover Granger, assistant . . .	31 00
C. H. Stinchfield, janitor . . .	33 00
	<hr/> \$364 00

#### Books:

H. W. Wilson Co. . . . .	\$10 00
North American Review Co. . .	5 00
Balch Brothers . . . . .	32 60
W. B. Clarke Co. . . . .	9 00
Desmond Publishing Co. . . .	7 00
A. W. Danforth (periodicals) . .	50 70
Mary Woodman . . . . .	2 00
J. D. Pearson . . . . .	30 40
Dana Estes & Co. . . . .	11 25
Old Corner Bookstore, Inc. . .	326 86
	<hr/> \$484 81

#### Sundries:

Municipal Light Board . . . .	\$7 18
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing .	62 00
Library Bureau, supplies . . .	9 00
F. D. Sperry, carpeting . . . .	55 00
	<hr/> \$133 18

#### Overdrawn . . . . .

\$15 87
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\$1,581 99    \$1,581 99

## FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1906 . . . .	\$196 56	
Received from sale of catalogues, cards, fines, etc. . . . .	70 11	
	<hr/>	\$266 67
Paid for expressage and incidentals . . .	\$25 97	
Paid for bookbinding, etc., (including bills unreported last year) . . . . .	113 02	
	<hr/>	\$138 99
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Balance . . . . .		\$127 68

The following volumes have been presented to the library:

NAMES OF DONORS	NO. OF VOLUMES
U. S. Documents and Reports . . . . .	10
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	38
Others . . . . .	7
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Number of new volumes added Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	474
Total number in library . . . . .	10,886
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	17,485
Largest, single month, March . . . . .	1,836
Smallest, June . . . . .	1,268

During the year 474 volumes have been added to the library, carefully selected to cover recent publications of value in the different departments of literature.

The plan of placing the accessions upon open shelves for a limited period before finally locating them within the library cases has been continued, with excellent results, and, so far as we can note, with advantage to the patrons of the library.

The titles of all new books have been added to the card catalogue, and published in the Reading Chronicle, and printed slips of the lists of new books have been posted as well as distributed in the delivery room.

The use of the reading tables increases. It is proposed to enlarge somewhat the list of periodicals currently taken, as soon as available funds will permit.

An important enlargement of borrowers' privileges has recently been made by the Trustees, by lowering the age limit of those entitled to use the library. Heretofore only persons above the age of 14 have been permitted to hold borrowers' cards. This limit has now been reduced to 10 years. From a report made by the librarian it appears that although the aggregate circulation for the year was slightly smaller than in 1905, the circulation for November and December was much larger than for the corresponding months in 1905. She points out that "this increase was due to the change of age limit from 14 to 10. This has attracted a large number of children to the library and between November 24 and December 31 there were 65 cards issued to children who presented the required certificate signed by their parents. More than half of these children had never made any use of the library before. I suggest, therefore, that more children's books be purchased to meet the demand. The increased circulation together with the extra supervision required to keep the influx of children reasonably quiet and orderly, will make it necessary to have the assistant in attendance on Wednesday evenings during \* \* \* \* the busiest months."

It is expected that, in accordance with the librarian's suggestion, a collection of standard books for juvenile readers will soon be purchased, in order to provide for the greater use of the library by young persons consequent upon this reduced age limit.

We could do much more work with young readers—work which would have a distinct educational value, if we had a larger annual appropriation. The amount appropriated rests entirely with the Town, but we should not fulfil our duty as custodians of the library if we neglected to mention the limitations we are under on account of the comparatively small sum available for the purchase of books each year. The larger part of the appropriation, as will be seen from our financial statement, is used for rent, services of librarian and assistant, janitor's services, and necessary supplies. The expenses for these items cannot be reduced; on the contrary



they tend to increase. And the supply of books, for which alone the library exists, is dependent upon what remains after these fixed charges are paid.

The time has passed when the public library which fills its true place in the community can confine its work to the distribution of fiction or books intended merely for recreation. That is but one phase of its usefulness. It should take a leading position as an educational institution, supplementing the public schools, and having functions which the limitations of the public schools prevent them from exercising. The artisan or mechanic should find among its books those which will enable him to increase his efficiency and add to his income. The tradesman sometimes has problems that may be solved through books; he should find such books in the public library. The farmer should find there the latest information which has appeared in print upon soils or cultural processes. Questions are constantly arising about current events, or the past history of our country, or the numerous topics which interest those who read the daily papers. Every citizen ought to feel that in the public library are books of reference or other works which throw light upon these questions. The relation of the public library to young readers who are just entering upon the active duties of life and who may be led into friendly companionship with books, and thus made to rely upon their help, needs only to be suggested, to impress us with its importance.

There are other directions in which the activities of the library may be profitably extended, but we need not enlarge upon them.

Whenever we are given more money we will undertake to use it in ways which will amply justify the expenditure. Our purchases of fiction and of books of limited and temporary value have never been excessive. We desire to extend the work of the library in other and more important directions, and shall do so as fast and as far as the money placed in our hands will permit.

We wish to record our appreciation of the faithful services of the librarian, Miss Brown, who is enthusiastic in conducting her work, and constantly availing herself of means of improvement in

it. As a whole we believe the library was never in better condition than at present, nor ever more worthy of the generous support of our citizens.

The appropriation made for the year at the last annual Town meeting was \$900, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax. As much should be appropriated at the ensuing meeting if the library is to be maintained at its present level—more, if the Town desires us to broaden our work.

The terms of Horace G. Wadlin and J. Woodward Manning expire with the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, Chairman,  
CYRUS M. BARROWS, Secretary,  
J. WOODWARD MANNING,  
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,  
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD,  
EDWARD P. GUILD,  
Trustees.

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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*Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report for the year ending January 1, 1907, as Tree Warden.

With the assistance of my predecessor, Mr. Kirkland, and the Board of Selectmen for advice, I have tried to serve the townspeople in as impartial way as possible.

There were, and now are, a number of trees which need more netting, and same is on hand, to be used by my successor.

Two hearings were held in the Town Building and only seven residents were present. It seems to me that more people should attend and goes to show that very little interest is shown.

I cut down twenty trees that were dead and dangerous to the public, but would have done more work if the appropriation had been sufficient.

Several trees were dying, caused by electric light wires, but were attended to by proper authorities.

By canvassing the Town I counted 3000 trees, and by having a better appropriation, say \$300, my successor can keep the trees in good order.

I thank the Board and the residents for their kind cooperation in helping me in the work.

On page 100 will be found expenses covering my term in office.

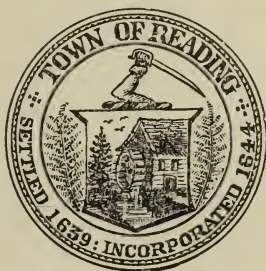
Yours truly,

GEORGE F. SAWYER, Tree Warden.





TWELFTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Electric  
Light Commissioners



For the Year Ending December 31

1906





# OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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## Commissioners

GEORGE L. FLINT, Chairman	.	.	Term expires 1909
FRANK W. WILLIS, Secretary	.	.	" " 1908
WALTER F. COOK	.	.	" " 1907

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## Manager

M. L. SWIFT

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OFFICE: Room 9, Masonic Block

## REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

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In presenting the following figures certain explanations must be made. The State Board of Gas Commissioners require a uniform method of bookkeeping to be used by all Municipal Lighting Plants of the Commonwealth. The ledger used by this Board has heretofore been closed only at the expiration of the State year, June 30th, but has now been written up to Dec. 31, 1906, and the balance sheet below shows the face of the ledger as of that date. Amounts paid for account of Construction are shown in the cash account, but the ledger accounts with Coustruction are shown only for six months ending Dec. 31, 1906. The charges to Profit and Loss may be taken as showing the actual cost of the arc lights for the past year, or \$39.45 per light.

### CASH ACCOUNT, 1907

DR.		
January 1, to balance	. . .	\$1,430 20
To appropriation	. . . . .	\$9,082 00
To appropriation for Commissioners' salaries	225 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$9,307 00
To Receipts from Customers :		
Commercial light	. . . . .	\$5,799 51
Domestic light	. . . . .	8,234 59
Power	. . . . .	334 67
Town light	. . . . .	100 71
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		\$14,469 48
Less amount credited but not turned over to		
Treasurer	. . . . .	59
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$14,468 89

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$14,468 89
To Receipts from Customers from 1907 acct:	
Amount turned over to Treasurer, Jan.	
11, 1907 . . . . .	276 76
To amount received from sale of wiring	
stock and lamps . . . . .	209 08
To amount received from sale of dynamo	100 00
To amount received from rental of poles	42 50
To amount received from sundry main-	
tenance accts. . . . .	37 15
To amount received from miscellaneous	
sources . . . . .	3 92
To amount received from interest on	
deposits . . . . .	12 52
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	\$25,888 02

## CR.

By Cash Paid for Account of Construction:	
Electric plant . . . . .	\$ 539 24
Lines . . . . .	1,197 55
Incandescent lamps . . . . .	7 49
Meters . . . . .	488 54
Converters . . . . .	733 74
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	\$2,966 56
By Cash Paid for Account of Maintenance:	
Fuel . . . . .	\$3,448 25
Oil and waste . . . . .	224 43
Water . . . . .	40 51
Station wages . . . . .	3,787 37
Repairs real estate . . . . .	48 92
Repairs steam plant . . . . .	1,003 77
Repairs electric plant . . . . .	745 26
Station tools and appliances . . . . .	210 89
Wages, care of lights . . . . .	122 86
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$9,632 26

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$9,632 26
Repairs of lines . . . . .	1,757 94
Carbons . . . . .	102 14
Incandescent lamps . . . . .	424 97
Repairs globes . . . . .	60 99
General salaries . . . . .	639 88
Board expenses . . . . .	42 60
General office expenses . . . . .	367 50
Salaries Light Board . . . . .	225 00
Rents . . . . .	120 00
Insurance . . . . .	598 41
Law expenses . . . . .	4 31
Stable . . . . .	306 70
Incidentals . . . . .	4 10
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	\$14,286 80
By cash paid for interest . . . . .	1,604 00
By cash paid for wiring stock, motors, etc., and labor . . . . .	1,265 20
By cash paid for notes . . . . .	2,800 00
By cash paid for bonds . . . . .	2,000 00
By cash paid for office furniture . . . . .	90 78
By cash paid Town, light acct. refund . . . . .	22 81
By balance, cash on hand and in treasury . . . . .	851 87
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	\$25,888 02

## MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT

DR.

For Manufacturing:

Fuel . . . . .	\$4,215 72
Oil and waste . . . . .	227 23
Water . . . . .	40 51
Station wages . . . . .	3,787 37
Repair real estate . . . . .	48 92

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*Amount carried forward* \$8,319 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$8,319 75
Repair steam plant . . .	1,014 16
Repair electric plant . . .	745 51
Station tools and appliances . .	336 25
	<hr/> \$10,415 67

## For Distribution :

Wages, care of lights . . .	\$ 122 86
Repair of lines . . .	1,680 60
Carbons . . .	133 68
Incandescent lamps . . .	295 00
Repair of globes . . .	114 07
	<hr/> \$2,346 21

## For Miscellaneous Expenses :

General salaries . . .	\$639 88
Board expenses . . .	42 60
General office expenses . . .	385 37
Salaries Light Board . . .	225 00
Rents . . .	120 00
Insurance . . .	590 14
Law expense . . .	4 31
Stable . . .	283 70
Incidental expense . . .	3 31
	<hr/> \$2,294 31

Total . . .	<hr/> \$15,056 19
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## CR.

By sales of commercial light, less discount	\$5,468 98
" " " domestic light, less discounts .	7,553 72
" " " electric power . . .	432 66
Meter rents . . .	481 30
Supplied and charged to Town buildings .	366 06

	<hr/> \$14,302 72
Loss on manufacturing . . .	753 47
	<hr/> \$15,056 19

## CONSTRUCTION

SIX MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31, 1906

Total cost of plant, as shown by return to Board of Gas Commissioners, June 30, 1906 . . . . .	\$91,038 08
Addition to cost of Plant since June 30, '06:	
Electric Plant:	
Cash . . . . .	\$539 24
Less cash received from sale of dynamo . . . . .	100 00
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	\$439 24
Cash . . . . .	\$541 74
Accounts payable . . . . .	215 72
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	\$757 46
Less accounts receivable, bill paid twice . . . . .	40 16
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	\$717 30
Meters:	
Cash . . . . .	\$318 70
Accounts payable . . . . .	152 55
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	\$471 25
Converters:	
Cash . . . . .	\$657 74
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	\$93,323 61
The amount shown as cost of plant in the report of Dec. 31, 1905, plus construc- tion charges for 1906, does not agree with the above total. The cost shown by return to State Board is therefore used, and assumed to be correct.	
Deduct cost of original installation of incan- descent lamps charged to Profit and Loss, Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	\$216 89
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Total cost of plant Dec. 31, 1906 . . . . .	\$93,106 72

# PROFIT AND LOSS CHARGES

Loss on manufacturing acct. as shown above	\$ 753 47	
Loss on wiring account . . . . .	481 42	
Interest paid and accrued . . . . .	1,558 58	
Depreciation . . . . .	2,650 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,443 47

By direction of the Gas Commissioners, certain expenditures for construction, paid from earnings, are to be charged to this account; the amount can be determined only by an examination of the accounts of previous years. Pending final decision on this matter, no such charge is made as of date later than June 30, 1906, and previous charges are not stated here, as they must be changed.

# BALANCE SHEET

## DR.

Cash in bank . . . . .	\$ 7 87
Cash in treasury, depreciation . . . . .	692 58
Cash in treasury, general . . . . .	151 42
Due from customers, commercial accounts	1,009 90
“ “ domestic accounts . . . . .	1,327 49
“ “ town accounts . . . . .	356 30
“ “ electric power ac- counts . . . . .	166 48
Due from customers, meter rents . . . . .	61 50
“ “ wiring, labor, fixtures . . . . .	337 62
“ “ incandescent lamps . . . . .	25 38
Wiring stock, etc., on hand . . . . .	157 32
Real estate (net after depreciation charges)	12,316 87
Steam plant (net after depreciation charges)	8,288 25
Electric Plant (net after depreciation charges) . . . . .	8,157 96
Lines (net after depreciation charges) . . . . .	16,334 37
Arc lamps and globes (net after deprecia- tion charges) . . . . .	3,779 35
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$53,170 66



<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$53,170 66
Meters (net after depreciation charges)	5,381 13
Converters (net after depreciation charges)	5,344 61
Office furniture . . . . .	347 10
Fuel on hand . . . . .	1,230 00
Oil and waste on hand . . . . .	21 75
Station tools and appliances on hand	15 78
Repairs, lines, stock on hand . . . . .	205 17
Carbons on hand . . . . .	61 50
Incandescent lamps on hand . . . . .	139 92
Stable account . . . . .	530 00
Accounts receivable (sundry) . . . . .	67 30
Profit and loss . . . . .	26,939 88
	<hr/> \$93,454 80
CR.	
Bonds outstanding . . . . .	\$36,000 00
Appropriations for bond payments . . . . .	14,000 00
Appropriations for note payments . . . . .	18,500 00
Appropriations for construction . . . . .	22,704 88
Accounts payable . . . . .	1,889 92
Accrued interest . . . . .	360 00
	<hr/> \$93,454 80

The above financial showing can hardly be other than satisfactory and we hope it will be as much so to the citizens as it is to the Board. The increase in patronage has been greater than the average of past years and our profit and loss account correspondingly less.

Our generators have outlived their allotted life of economical usefulness and our only hope of continuing to run the plant with any approach to desirable service is in a thoroughly up-to-date renewal.

GEORGE L. FLINT,  
FRANK W. WILLIS,  
WALTER F. COOK,  
Municipal Light Board.



# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

APPROPRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UN-EXPENDED	OVER-DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$3,600 00	\$3,600 00	\$3,769 31	.....	\$169 31
Town Building and Office.....	400 00	408 89	399 80	\$9 09	.....
Printing.....	700 00	700 00	684 80	15 20	.....
Election Expenses.....	300 00	300 00	318 30	.....	18 30
Soldiers' Relief.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	794 86	205 14	.....
Acct. Town of North Reading.....	.....	.....	72 00	.....	72 00
“ “ Acct. Town of Marblehead.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	24 00
“ “ Acct. City of Malden.....	90 88	90 88	90 88	.....	.....
Burial Agent's Account.....	.....	.....	70 00	.....	70 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	175 00	175 00	175 00	.....	.....
Electric Lights G. A. R. Hall.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,800 00	2,800 00	2,380 00	420 00	.....
Account Charles L. Haag.....	.....	.....	74 15	.....	74 15
Rent of Playground.....	342 00	342 00	342 00	.....	.....
Safe for Tax Collector.....	250 00	250 00	250 00	.....	.....
Bridget MacDonald (trust fund).....	150 00	150 00	175 50	.....	175 50
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	.....	.....	150 60	.....	60
Swan Estate.....	.....	.....	11 47	96 53	.....
Band Concerts.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Reading Water Works.....	12,750 00	12,750 00	12,750 00	.....	.....
Municipal Light and Power Plant.....	10,172 00	10,172 00	9,328 00	844 00	.....
Interest on School House Bonds.....	2,600 00	2,600 00	2,352 50	247 50	.....
Interest on School House Notes.....	1,306 25	1,306 25	1,341 25	.....	35 00
School House Notes.....	5,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	.....	.....
School House Bond.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,003 00	.....	.....
High School Building.....	700 00	63,296 23	57,911 07	5,385 16	.....
Interest.....	.....	2,186 92	2,335 53	551 39	.....
Abatement of Taxes.....	600 00	600 00	914 90	.....	314 90
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,000 00	1,105 41	1,076 27	29 14	.....
Taxes on Property Taken.....	.....	536 08	984 39	.....	448 31
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks.....	2,000 00	6,980 36	6,980 36	.....	.....
Street Sprinkling.....	350 00	450 00	420 51	29 49	.....
Concrete Work.....	300 00	350 00	346 85	3 15	.....
Removal of Snow and Ice.....	200 00	356 27	356 27	.....	.....
Orange Street Drain.....	200 00	200 00	200 30	.....	30
Fire Department.....	4,300 00	4,305 48	4,285 46	20 02	.....
Forest Fires.....	150 00	150 00	109 42	40 58	.....
Fire Department Coats.....	150 00	150 00	162 00	.....	12 00
Fire Department Storage Battery.....	2,800 00	150 00	139 92	10 08	.....
Police Department.....	.....	3,020 74	3,026 39	.....	5 65
Board of Health.....	600 00	613 73	616 69	.....	2 96

Board of Health, account P. G. Carleton.....					2 71	449 33
Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	888 24	1,034 50	1,872 74	1,870 03		3 67
Tree Warden.....	201 23		201 23	204 90		
Moth Account.....	1,763 78	3,642 67	5,412 45	5,412 45		
Overseers of the Poor Account.....	3,300 00	1,301 19	4,601 19	4,642 40		41 21
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....				281 93		281 93
City of Cambridge.....		70 90	70 90	157 16		86 26
Town of Andover.....				28 88		28 88
Town of Wakefield.....		46 51	46 51	83 38		36 87
Town of Wilmington.....				174 43		174 43
Town of Norfolk.....				42 12		42 12
Town of Canton.....				48 00		48 00
Schools.....	27,000 00		27,000 00	26,883 36	116 64	
School Incidentals.....	5,500 00	1,605 86	7,105 86	7,105 86	80	
Public Library.....	900 00	666 12	1,566 12	1,581 99		15 87
	97,954 50	84,986 74	182,941 24	177,545 67	8,026 62	2,631 05
Unexpended.....	8,026 62					
Overdrawn.....	2,631 05		5,395 57			
Expenses for year 1906.....			177,545 67			
Add Temporary Loans.....			73,000 00			
Total Selectmen's Orders.....			250,545 67			
Expenses above.....						
Temporary Loan Note raised by Taxation.....		177,545 67				
Less following amounts due on account year 1906.....		10,000 00	187,545 67			
State and Military Aid.....	2,362 00					
Commonwealth of Mass., acct. Burial Agent.....	70 00					
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor Account.....	281 93					
Commonwealth of Mass., Moth Account.....	1,640 88					
City of Cambridge.....	86 26					
Town of North Reading.....	72 00					
Town of Marblehead.....	24 00					
Town of Andover.....	28 38					
Town of Wakefield.....	36 87					
Town of Wilmington.....	174 43					
Town of Norfolk.....	42 12					
Town of Canton.....	48 00					
Charles L. Haag.....	74 15					
Taxes on Property Taken.....	448 31					
Net Expenses.....			5,389 83			
Less Sundry Credits for 1906 as above.....			182,156 84			
Amount raised by Taxation and Appropriation from Available Assets.....			84,986 74			
			97,169 60			



# IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

By Paying State Tax, Balance 1905.....	\$ 2 80
County Tax, 1906.....	5,082 81
" State Tax, 1906.....	5,110 00
" National Bank Tax, 1906 .....	482 15
" Wellington Bridge Tax, 1906.....	368 52
" Interest on Above.....	244 71
" Maintenance of Bridge.....	86 47
" Repairs of State Highway .....	186 80
" Selectmen's Orders.....	250,545 67
" Cash in Treasury, January, 1907.....	2,777 85
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	\$264,887 76

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
Treasurer.

Dr.      EDWARD F. PARKER, Treas., IN ACCOUNT WITH

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To Cash in Treasury, January, 1906 .....	\$340 20
" Received from Municipal Light Board.....	24,467 18
" Received from First National Bank, Interest.....	11 64
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	\$24,819 02

Dr.      EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

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To cash in Treasury, January, 1906.....	\$ 28 19
" Received from Water Commissioners.....	17,609 42
" First National Bank, Interest.....	31 11
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	\$17,668 72



# TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD, Cr.

By Paying Municipal Light Board Orders.....	\$24,811 15
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1907.....	7 87
	<hr/> \$24,819 02

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
Treasurer.

# WITH TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY, Cr.

By Paying Water Commissioners' Orders .....	\$17,659 39
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1907.....	9 33
	<hr/> \$17,668 72

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
Treasurer.

## AUDITORS' REPORT

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### LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1907 . . . . .	\$201,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	731 45
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1907 . . . . .	36,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	360 00
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1907 . . . . .	126,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	981 22
Cemetery notes (non-interest bearing) . . . . .	700 00
Temporary loans . . . . .	35,200 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	428 03
Highway notes due Dec. 7, 1907 and 1908 . . . . .	2,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	5 56
Road roller notes . . . . .	1,750 00
Miscellaneous debts . . . . .	594 60

### TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield . . . . .	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser . . . . .	100 00
“ Sabrina Nichols . . . . .	100 00
“ Martha Pike . . . . .	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder . . . . .	25 00
“ T. T. Greenwood . . . . .	500 00
“ Mark Temple . . . . .	100 00
„ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Pres- ton and Margaret Gilman . . . . .	75 00
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson . . . . .	100 00
“ Sevena Coggin . . . . .	100 00

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*Amount carried forward* \$1,225 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,225 00
Bequest of	Margaret Towne . . . .	100 00
"	Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman . . . .	150 00
"	Sarah Smith . . . .	100 00
"	Gilman D. Kingman . . . .	100 00
"	Rosamond C. Pratt . . . .	100 00
"	Mary F. Harnden . . . .	100 00
"	Mary B. Wakefield . . . .	100 00
"	James A. Bancroft, Ex. P. Jane Batchelder . . . .	100 00
"	Arthur D. Kingman, Ex. Gardner French . . . .	50 00
"	Estate of P. A. Corkins . . . .	100 00
"	Dorinda R. Pratt, Ex. T. B. Pratt . . . .	200 00
"	Mary Ann McAllister . . . .	100 00
"	Gilman A. Coggin . . . .	100 00
"	Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant . . . .	50 00
"	Mary Evans . . . .	50 00
"	Frederick Bancroft, Ex. Harriet B. Bancroft . . . .	49 48
"	Estate of Samuel Pierce . . . .	100 00
"	D. W. Berry, Ex. Caroline Ham- mond . . . .	100 00
"	William L. Crowe . . . .	100 00
"	Heirs of George C. Coney . . . .	100 00
"	Heirs of Sherman Chase . . . .	75 00
"	Estate of Isaac M. Clark . . . .	100 00
"	" Anna G. Butler . . . .	150 00
"	" Mary E. Badger . . . .	100 00
"	" Heil J. Nelson . . . .	200 00
"	" John Burrill . . . .	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$3,899 48

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,899 48
Bequest of estate of F. O. Dewey . . .	300 00
“ “ S. H. Dinsmore . . .	100 00
“ Mary J. Kimball . . .	50 00
“ Alden and Lois D. Batchelder . . .	100 00
“ Estate of Charles A. Weston . . .	100 00
“ Henry F. Parker . . .	100 00
“ Sarah D. Eaton . . .	100 00
“ Heirs James H. Bancroft . . .	75 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . . .	50 00
“ Climena Wakefield . . .	100 00
“ Estate Louisa M. Eaton . . .	100 00
“ Maria E. Waitt . . .	100 49
“ Adrien Mertens . . .	200 00
“ Albert B. Gleason . . .	50 00
“ Frances P. Dow . . .	100 00
“ Estate Thomas Richardson . . .	100 00
“ Helen M. Sherman . . .	50 00
“ Fannie Cottrell . . .	50 00
“ Charles E. Hall . . .	100 00
“ Lucy W. Parker . . .	75 00
“ Estate Martha R. Temple . . .	100 00
“ Estate Needham Nichols . . .	100 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . . .	50 00
“ Mrs. James T. Norris . . .	30 00
“ Estate Francis Kingman . . .	100 00
“ Estate Albert Nichols . . .	100 00
“ George L. Smith . . .	200 00
“ Susan A. Martin . . .	100 00
“ Maria Carter . . .	100 00
“ Hubbard and Elbridge Copeland and Leander Willey . . .	150 00
“ John Draffin . . .	100 00
“ Hattie D. Pond, Executrix . . .	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$7,129 97

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$7,129 97
Bequest of Trustees of Laura Frost . . .	50 00
“ Abby C. Clapp . . .	100 00
“ Emily Alice Jones . . .	100 00
“ Emma M. Brown . . .	75 00
“ F. Eliza Kingman . . .	100 00
“ Edward T. Pendergrast . . .	100 00
“ Fannie A. Morton . . .	100 00
“ Lewis M. Bancroft . . .	50 00
“ Caroline L. White . . .	50 00
“ Hannah C. Cochrane . . .	50 00
“ Charles W. Cochrane . . .	200 00
“ Edgar M. Knight . . .	100 00
“ Reuben Weston . . .	100 00
“ J. B. Hopkins . . .	100 00
“ T. P. M. Wiggin . . .	100 00
“ Joseph H. Gleason . . .	50 00
“ Mary Norwood . . .	50 00
“ Lyman Whiting . . .	50 00
“ Ellen M. Carr . . .	100 00
“ Emma S. Nelson . . .	100 00
“ Henry E. Holden, Adm. . .	50 00
“ C. E. Skillings . . .	100 00
“ Isaac Munroe . . .	100 00
“ William H. Wightman . . .	100 00
“ Lizzie B. Davis . . .	100 00
“ Hubbard E. Cox . . .	80 00
“ Helen C. Prentiss . . .	100 00
“ Louise Leathe . . .	100 00
“ Arthur M. Coons . . .	75 00
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	\$9,659 97
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended . . . . .	696 37
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	\$10,356 34
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Total Liabilities . . . . .	\$416,107 20

## ASSETS

Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1905 . . .	\$8,854 44
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1906 . . .	35,031 51
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . . .	1,189 55
Taxes on property taken by Town . . .	448 31
Due from State Aid account . . .	2,362 00
" Commonwealth of Mass. (burial)	70 00
" Commonwealth of Mass. (poor) .	281 93
" Commonwealth of Mass. (moth)	1,640 88
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	\$49,878 62
Due from Town of Wilmington . . .	174 43
" City of Cambridge . . .	86 26
" Town of Canton . . .	48 00
" Town of Marblehead . . .	24 00
" Town of Wakefield . . .	36 87
" Town of Andover . . .	28 38
" Town of Norfolk . . .	42 12
" Town of North Reading . . .	72 00
" Chas. L. Haag . . .	582 94
" Concreting account . . .	76 53
Cash in Treasury . . .	2,777 85
Cash in Treasury (water supply) . . .	9 33
Cash in Treasury (electric light) . . .	7 87
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	\$53,845 20
Available assets in excess of liabilities:	
Uncollected taxes, accrued interest and	
accounts due . . . .	51,050 15
Cash in Treasury . . . .	2,777 85
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	\$53,828 00
Interest on school bonds . . . .	\$981 22
Interest on bequests . . . .	696 37
Temporary loans and interest . . . .	35,628 03
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$37,305 62

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$37,305 62
Interest on Highway notes . . . . .	5 56
Interest on Electric Light bonds . . . . .	360 00
Miscellaneous debts . . . . .	594 60
Unexpended balance Street Railway tax, available for Highway purposes only . . . . .	72 10
Unexpended balance of proceeds of High School bond issue . . . . .	5,385 16
	<hr/> \$43,723 04
	<hr/> \$10,104 96

## BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER	CEMETERY
April 21, 1907	\$2,000 00			
April 28, 1907				\$100 00
June 1, 1907			\$7,000 00	
August 1, 1907	2,000 00			
October 1, 1907		\$2,000 00		
November 1, 1907	5,000 00			
December 21, 1907	1,000 00			
April 21, 1908	2,000 00			
April 28, 1908				100 00
June 1, 1908			7,000 00	
July 10, 1908	2,000 00			
August 1, 1908	2,000 00			
October 1, 1908		2,000 00		
November 1, 1908	5,000 00			
December 21, 1908	1,000 00			
April 21, 1909	2,000 00			
April 28, 1909				100 00
June 1, 1909			7,000 00	
August 1, 1909	3,000 00			
October 1, 1909		2,000 00		
November 1, 1909	5,000 00			
December 21, 1909	1,000 00			



MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER	CEMETERY
April 21, 1910	2,000 00			
April 28, 1910				100 00
June 1, 1910			7,000 00	
August 1, 1910	3,000 00			
October 1, 1910		2,000 00		
November 1, 1910	5,000 00			
December 21, 1910	1,000 00			
April 28, 1911				100 00
June 1, 1911			7,000 00	
August 1, 1911	3,000 00			
October 1, 1911		2,000 00		
November 1, 1911	4,000 00			
December 21, 1911	1,000 00			
March 15, 1912			10,000 00	
April 28, 1912				100 00
June 1, 1912			7,000 00	
August 1, 1912	3,000 00			
October 1, 1912		2,000 00		
November 1, 1912	4,000 00			
December 21, 1912	1,000 00			
April 28, 1913				100 00
June 1, 1913			7,000 00	
August 1, 1913	3,000 00			
October 1, 1913		2,000 00		
November 1, 1913	4,000 00			
December 21, 1913	1,000 00			
June 1, 1914			7,000 00	
August 1, 1914	3,000 00			
October 1, 1914		2,000 00		
November 1, 1914	4,000 00			
December 21, 1914	1,000 00			
June 1, 1915			7,000 00	
August 1, 1915	3,000 00			
October 1, 1915		2,000 00		

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER	CEMETERY
November 1, 1915	4,000 00			
December 21, 1915	1,000 00			
June 1, 1916			12,000 00	
October 1, 1916		2,000 00		
November 1, 1916	4,000 00			
December 21, 1916	1,000 00			
June 1, 1917			12,000 00	
October 1, 1917		2,000 00		
November 1, 1917	4,000 00			
December 21, 1917	1,000 00			
June 1, 1918			12,000 00	
October 1, 1918		2,000 00		
November 1, 1918	4,000 00			
June 1, 1919			12,000 00	
October 1, 1919		2,000 00		
November 1, 1919	4,000 00			
June 1, 1920			12,000 00	
October 1, 1920		2,000 00		
November 1, 1920	4,000 00			
June 1, 1921			12,000 00	
October 1, 1921		2,000 00		
November 1, 1921	4,000 00			
June 1, 1922			12,000 00	
October 1, 1922		2,000 00		
November 1, 1922	4,000 00			
June 1, 1923			10,000 00	
October 1, 1923		2,000 00		
November 1, 1923	4,000 00			
June 1, 1924			10,000 00	
October 1, 1924		2,000 00		
November 1, 1924	4,000 00			
June 1, 1925			10,000 00	
November 1, 1925	4,000 00			

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER	CEMETERY
June 1, 1926			5,000 00	
June 1, 1927			5,000 00	
June 1, 1928			4,000 00	
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	\$126,000 00	\$36,000 00	\$201,000 00	\$700 00

## Highway Notes:

December 7, 1907	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00	
December 7, 1908	.	.	.	.	1,000 00	
					<hr/>	\$2,000 00

## Road Roller Notes:

June 20, 1907	.	.	.	.	.	\$450 00	
June 20, 1908	.	.	.	.	.	450 00	
June 20, 1909	.	.	.	.	.	450 00	
June 20, 1910	.	.	.	.	.	400 00	
						<hr/>	\$1,750 00

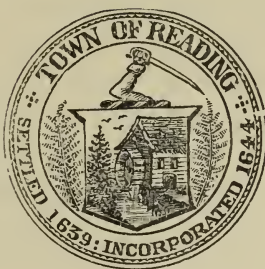
Total Bonds and Notes	.	.	.		\$367,450 00
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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector and Treasurer, and found them correct.

JOHN F. TURNER,  
ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON,  
EDGAR O. DEWEY,  
Auditors.

# TOWN WARRANT



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,  
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1907, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, one member of the School Committee for two years, one member of the School Committee for one year, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also, on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following

question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

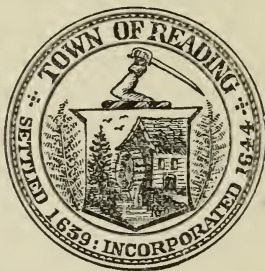
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1907.

JAMES W. KILLAM,  
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,  
GEORGE L. PRATT,

Selectmen of Reading.

## TOWN WARRANT



### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,  
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1907, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden, and Rent of Playground.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of eight thousand dollars and appropriate the same, together with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year 1907, for the maintenance, operation and repair of said Plant, and for the payment of bonds, notes, interest and depreciation due by said Plant during the year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for construction, extension, enlargement and addition to the Municipal Light and Power Plant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars to pay for incandescent lighting for the various Town Departments, or what they will do in relation thereto.



Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to employ two more men for the purpose of shortening the day's work from twelve hours to eight hours, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Main street near J. Brooks Nichols' and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the corner of Wakefield and Haverhill streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the corner of Salem and Winter streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to obtain detailed drawings and estimates of costs of making changes in filter plant, as recommended in their report, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to petition the General Court for an act enabling the Town to issue water bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount already authorized by law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Collector.



Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one hundred dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars, due April 21, 1907.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for five thousand dollars, due November 1, 1907.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for one thousand dollars, due December 21, 1907.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of Haven Street Paving Note for one thousand dollars, due December 7, 1907.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to dispose of the school building at the junction of Haverhill and Charles streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Playground and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Kingston street from Mt. Vernon street to Middlesex avenue, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose.

Art. 27. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of High street from a point near the Closson property to Lowell street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on High street from a point near the residence of Melvin R. Batchelder to a point near the residence of John H. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Swan property, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of fixing Prescott street from Washington street, westerly as the street runs, a distance of about five hundred and fifty feet, the top of the street to be taken away and replaced with macadam, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a ballot box, and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars either in the tax levy of the present year or by authorizing the Treasurer to borrow the same under the direction of the Selectmen, and appropriate said sum to meet unpaid bills on account of the new High School building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will lay pipe and extend the Town water from Village street to Elliott street on Washington street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will adopt a By-Law which will require all peddlers of meat, fish, fruit or vegetables to be licensed, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will purchase one thousand feet of hose and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of a sixty foot extension ladder, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a fire alarm box at the junction of Salem and Pine streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see what action the Town will take with regard to claims for damages by the owners of lands on the north side of Green street through which the County Commissioners have ordered a ditch to be constructed and forever maintained by the Town.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to widen the sidewalk opposite No. 240 North Main street, and about one hundred feet in length, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint Gypsy Moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will accept the provision of Section 20, Chapter 106 of the Revised Laws.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 45. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1907.

JAMES W. KILLAM,  
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,  
GEORGE L. PRATT,

Selectmen of Reading.

## LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS

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The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors :

Adden, John H.	Retired
Allen, William J.	Clerk
Bailey, Willard L.	Merchant
Baker, William H.	Carpenter
Batchelder, Warren A.	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Worker
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Brown, John	Retired
Brown, Joseph H.	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	Wheelwright
Canty, Daniel F.	Conductor
Carter, George	Laborer
Connelly, John	R. R. Employe
Connolly, James F.	Clerk
Cook, George W.	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter
Cullinane, John M.	Motorman
Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employe
Davis, William Wallace	Farmer
Eames, Charles B.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	Merchant
Eames, Horace E.	Laborer
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Greene, Timothy G.	Conductor

Hanscom, Edwin C.	.	.	.	.	.	Contractor
Horrocks, George E.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Johnson, J. Dana	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Killam, Joseph W.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Kimball, Charles D.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Kingman, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Artist
Knight, Edgar M.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Krook, Matthys H.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Lee, Charles W.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
MacDougal, Chester W.	.	.	.	.	.	Plumber
McIntire, Herbert E.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Mack, George	.	.	.	.	.	Upholsterer
Mears, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Milbury, Ora L.	.	.	.	.	.	Woodworker
Nesmith, Charles I.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Nichols, Amos C.	.	.	.	.	.	Caterer
Nichols, Moses E.	.	.	.	.	.	Painter
Nichols, Parker	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Oakes, George F.	.	.	.	.	.	Engineer
Park, Howard L.	.	.	.	.	.	Mason
Parker, Asa	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker, Fred H.	.	.	.	.	.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Pratt, David W.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilmot K.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer
Prichard, Augustus D.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Roberts, Joseph A.	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk
Roundy, Elmer J.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Runkle, E. Holcombe	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk
Sargent, George A.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Worker
Somes, Alvin G.	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk



Stewart, Spencer G.	.	.	.	.	.	Builder
Stinchfield, Charles H.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Stock, Herbert G.	.	.	.	.	.	Contractor
Stone, Irving W.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Stott, J. Albert	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Temple, Joseph S.	.	.	.	.	.	Manufacturer
Waters, James A.	.	.	.	.	.	Steam Fitter
White, Thomas J.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
Wight, Ephraim	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Willis, Frank W.	.	.	.	.	.	Electrician
Quillen, William	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter

JAMES W. KILLAM,  
 OLIVER L. AKERLEY,  
 GEORGE L. PRATT,

Selectmen of Reading.

READING, 9 FEBRUARY, 1907.



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